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Convinced But Not Converted

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CONVINCED BUT NOT CONVERTEDregarding to
the church. Christ.*Hald*

Matt. 18:1-6

Never feel comfortable reading Bible: Matt. 22:14. 7:13-14
 Matt. 18:3 to disciples. Luke 22:31-32 to Peter. 2½ years
 Church too long doctrine-centered only. **POOR LIVES.**

Many members **CONVINCED**, but **few** members **CONVERTED**.

Defined: **Convinced**: Persuaded and satisfied.

!! **Converted**: To turn to **Christ altogether, wholeheartedly**

Convert: One who obeys without reservation.

Also need spirit-centered, and work-centered church.

Mission of Bible: Comfort the afflicted and Afflict the Comfortable

I. BIBLE EXAMPLES OF THOSE CONVINCED BUT NOT CONVERTED.

- A. King Herod. Mark 6:20. *c or c?*
 B. Rich Ruler. Matt. 19:16.
 C. Nicodemus.. John 3:1-2. **RULERS: 12:42.**
 D. Felix. Acts 24:25 **AGRIPPA: 26:28.**
 NOW UNDERSTAND Matt. 22:14 better.

EXAMINATION:

II. SOME MODERN EXAMPLES. *Eph. 5:25-27 Negative!*

- A. Excellent Pre-school Bible school teacher. Started giving daughter dancing lessons. Elders gave choice. She quit teaching, church and Christ. Matt. 6:33.
 B. New couple in Plainview, Texas. Met and said would be in services Sunday. Didn't appear. Floor sander rented *11-28* \$2 week days, 25¢ Sunday. Saved \$1.75. Proud of selves. *'65* Judas sold Jesus for 30 pieces. They for \$1.75. C or C?
 1. How much you sell Jesus for? Test: Be elsewhere for \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000. *Sell seat.*
 C. New preacher arrived. Missed some elders Wed. night. Thought sick. Went by one's home. Several cars. Stopped. Invited in to the .42 party. W. Texas. Coctail in Tenn.

III. THIRD EXAMINATION. *Matt. 5:16 e-c?* You be the Judge again! *Positive!*

- A. Jimmy Fowler. Irving, Texas. 17 yrs. Lead in Senior Play. Rehearsal set Wed. night. Asked Father. "Your decision!" Called director: "Can't come, tonight's my worship night!" Rehearsal changed to Thursday. C or C?
 B. Sam Allen. Sonora, Texas. Church needed building. Depression. Whole membership didn't own \$1,000. Went to bank to borrow \$10,000. Refused. Said would write check, do as please. Notified, Ignored. Finally, "Come down and sign note." That's the day I began to prosper!" Don't want it for cattle, grain; GOD!!!

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- C. Guy Caskey tells this story about South Africa.
 Heard of N. T. Christians way in bush country. B-R-C-B.
 Went by car and foot through jungle and swamp.
 Who preached gospel here? Blind man! Convert from
 Dutch Reform church. Went same 80 miles blind! C-C?
 Some of us went go across the street!!! C or C???
- D. II Corinthians 8:1-5. Three outstanding thoughts.
 1. Gave during great trial of affliction. v. 2
 2. Gave out of deep poverty. v. 2
 3. Gave beyond their power. Possible? Sam Allen! V. 3
 4. Gave themselves first. V. 5. All else converted too

INV: Jesus calls for converts today: altogether, whole-hearted.
 Deny self: dancing lessons, \$1.75 savings on Sunday,
 .42 parties on Wed., only way enter Heaven. Matt. 18:3.

My friend: you convinced or truly converted? [?] If haven't
 been living in devotion of convert you need to
 rededicate your life NOW while we stand and sing.

If you need to obey the gospel
 you need to obey it NOW!

If you need to be restored
 to God's love, you need
 to be restored NOW!

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