

Who is on the Lord's Side?

In the Salvation Army, we sing a song that has a question in the first line – Who is on the Lords side? Whenever I hear that question, I have to ask myself – am I on the Lords side – what makes me part of the Christian family? Is it being born to a Christian family? – No. Is it being dedicated or christened as a child? – No. Is it going to church? – definitely not. Is it praying and reading the bible every day? No. So what defines us as being on the Lords side? Some of the things above will help – going to church, reading the bible and praying will all help as they bring us closer to God, giving us opportunities to hear him through what we hear, read or sing about him. Matthew 16 v 24 provides the answer saying “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. The only thing that leads us to being on the Lords side is when we choose to follow him, giving up the life that we may have chosen to live, and instead following his will that he has laid out for us. We still have to face all the usual ups and downs of life, but in the knowledge that we have the help and support we need to get through it.

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