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3 Reasons Why We Know The Christian Life Will Always Be Hard

I. Our SINFUL NATURE is very strong.

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

I have discovered that this principle of life – that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

~ Romans 7:18-23

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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

~ Romans 3:23

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- II. Jesus went out of his way to SHATTER people's ILLUSIONS.

You have heard the commandment that says, “You must not commit adultery.” But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

~ Matthew 5:27-28

You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.

~ Matthew 5:38-39
You have heard the law that says, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

~ Matthew 5:43-44

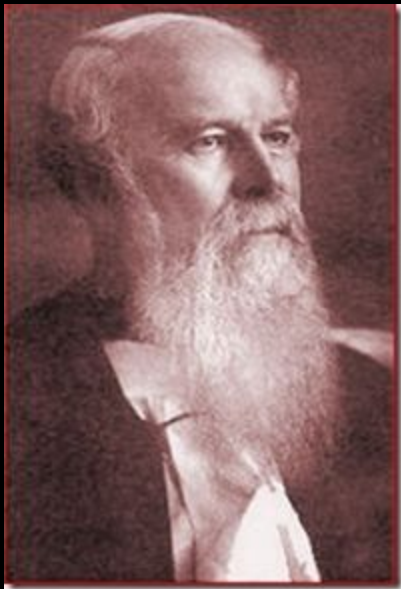
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Don't begin until you count the cost.

~ Luke 14:28

“It does cost something to be a real Christian, according to the standard of the Bible. There are enemies to overcome, battles to be fought, sacrifices to be made, an Egypt to be forsaken, a wilderness to be passed through, a cross to be carried, a race to be run. Conversion is not putting a man in an arm chair and taking him easily to heaven. It is the beginning of a mighty conflict in which it costs much to win the victory.”



~ J.C. Ryle
First Bishop of the Anglican Church

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The man's face fell, and he went away sad,
for he had many possessions.

~ Mark 10:22

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- III. We are OUTNUMBERED.

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the *many* who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a *few* ever find it.

~ Matthew 7:13-14

The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

~ John 15:19

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. A second command is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.

~ Matthew 22:37-38

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