

## Why Every Girl Should be a Christian.

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1. BECAUSE it is the only right way to live if you wish to grow up to be an earnest, useful and active woman. Girls are not all born beautiful, but you can grow to be a beautiful woman, with a beauty of character which is more lasting than that of face or feature. You should be a Christian.

2. Because every girl has a great influence for good or bad, and I do not for a moment think that any right-minded girl intends that her influence over her friends and associates shall be for the bad. But God says, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad, and he that is not for me is against me." So there is no neutral place to stand; for the sake of your influence over others, be a Christian.

3. Because then you will always have a ready friend and sympathizer in Jesus—one who is able and willing to help you at all times and in all places, for He will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able to bear, but who will with the temptation make a way for your escape.

4. Because it will save you from many temptations to mind religion young. As you grow older and mix more with the others, you may be asked to attend the theatre or dance, or any questionable place of amusement; but if, through the grace given unto you by Jesus, you can answer, "No; I am a Christian," it is not often you will be asked to go there again. The persons who asked you to accompany them may laugh at you and call you silly, but in nine cases out of every ten they will respect you more, for standing firm to your Christian principles.

5. Because it is the best way to succeed in this life. The firms who employ girls to work for them, almost invariably give the preference to Christian girls. They know they can rely upon them for honest work, for they do their work as unto God.

6. Because the Lord Jesus wants you; He calls you now. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." God's time is now. Remember two ways are before you, and you must make your own choice. Will you, like Mary, choose the better part, which shall not be taken away from you? Will you choose Jesus who has done so much for you? Will you choose Jesus, who was rich in glory, yet for your sake became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich—the One who died for you that you might have eternal life? He now stands as your advocate before the throne, pleading for you. Will you accept Him now as your Saviour while He still pleads for you, for by and by He will become your Judge? Or will you reject Him, and choose the way that leads to eternal destruction? For the wages of sin is death.

Be a Christian for the sake of Jesus, who died for you, because then your influence will always be for good. Because then God can use you to the very best advantage, and He will make you a co-worker with himself; and then when you are done working here below you will have no sorrowful regrets, thinking of what you might have done, and you will hear the blessed Master say, "It is enough, come up higher; come to the place I have prepared for you, where there is no more temptation, sin or sorrow, no more tears, for God himself shall wipe away all tears." Your friends will then be able to say of you as Jesus said of the woman long ago, "She hath done what she could."

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