

## The ABC's of Christian Behavior

Act instead of argue.  
Build instead of brag.  
Climb instead of criticize.  
Dig instead of depreciate.  
Encourage instead of envy.  
Fight instead of faint  
Give instead of grumble.  
Help instead of harm.  
Invite instead of ignore.  
Join instead of jeer.  
Kneel instead of kick.  
Love instead of lampoon.  
Move instead of mold.  
Nurture instead of neglect  
Obey instead of object  
Pray instead of pout  
Qualify instead of quit  
Rescue instead of ridicule.  
Shout instead of shrink.  
Try instead of tremble.  
Undergird instead of undermine.  
Vindicate instead of vilify.  
Witness instead of wilt  
eXterminate instead of excuse.  
Yield instead of yell.  
Zip instead of zigzag.



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## THINGS ABOVE

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”

—[ Colossians 3:1-2 ]—

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## “Do Not Throw Away Your Confidence!”

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**D**o not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For,

“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls (Hebrews 10:35–39).

Satan is against. He's is *always* against us. There's never a time imaginable that he would be *for* us, *except when we're sinning*.

God, though, is for us and our spiritual success! He is always for us! There's never a time imaginable that He would be *against* us, *except when we're sinning!*

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:31–32). “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation” (Romans 5:10–11).

“Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation

he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:12–13).

We definitely have need of endurance — so that when the going gets tough, we'll get going . . . in the heavenly direction!

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing” (1 Thessalonians 5:9–11).



We can never be too careful  
Of the seed our hands shall sow;  
Love from love is sure to ripen,  
Hate from hate is sure to grow.

Seeds of good or ill we scatter  
Heedlessly along our way;  
But a glad or grievous fruitage  
Waits us at the harvest day.

