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the *turning* directly or indirectly, when they reject His Lordship altogether. He or she is then said to have left the Faith by choice. Jesus Christ clearly said that not all who say they believe and follow Him will make it to Heaven, unless they do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21-27). It takes some time to get to the point where we finally reject Christ and depart from Him, but it is possible. The Bible speaks of it as, "A dog turning back to its own vomit" (2 Peter 2:20-22). Gladly, our Father is delighted to have us in His loving arms, when we stray, but repent and find our way back to Him like the prodigal son (see Luke 15:11-32).

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(iii) Get a Bible and Spend Time

with God: Develop the habit of reading

the Bible and praying to God always. It may not be for a long period of time

initially, but as you grow spiritually, you

will find that the time you spend with Him gets longer. You can make use of a

Bible online for now, if you don't have

one yet. Visit our webpages, *Read the Bible Online* and *Listen to the Bible Online*, for Bibles in many languages. It

is important that you read your Bible

daily, to be grounded in the teachings of Christ. Reading the Bible will help you

live a victorious life. In it also, you will

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(vi) Get baptized: Ask to be baptized

by immersion in water, as modeled

by Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:13-17), and commanded (Matthew 28:19). Through

baptism, we identify with His death and

resurrection. Baptism also signifies the

death and burial of our sinful nature, our

resurrection as forgiven people through Christ (Colossians 2:10-13); abandoning

our selfishness, pride, past, and placing

all that we possess before Him. The Spiritual Leader at your local church or

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