

Commitment

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What was the last trick you tried that you couldn't land?

VIDEO

GROUP QUESTION

Describe a time when you really wanted something but didn't feel like putting in the work to get it?

One thing that skateboarders around the world can agree on is that nobody likes a poser. Now don't get it confused, a poser isn't a person that is bad at skateboarding. We have all had to start somewhere, and just because a person can't do as many tricks as you doesn't make them a poser. A poser is someone that tries to look cool by dressing or acting like a skateboarder, or even just talking about skateboarding, but has never actually stepped foot on a skateboard. Most posers just want people to think they are cool by acting like they do something without taking the risk or putting in the time to actually do it.

Be honest, no one is going to pick on you, but can anyone think of a time when you acted like you did something that you had never done before to look cool or impress someone?

The saddest thing about being a poser is the fact that they are never going to experience the fun and joy of skateboarding. We all know how rewarding it is to land a trick that we've been trying for hours or even days, and we all know how much fun it is to push down the street with a bunch of friends. Whether they are scared of failure or not committed enough to go out and learn, posers are ultimately missing out on something amazing. It's one thing to be a poser of something like skateboarding, but what about those who are posing their way through Christianity?

What are some things that people may lie about to look like they were committed Christians or more in love with Jesus?

Maybe these posers want the reward of Heaven without actually giving their lives to God, or they act like a follower of Christ in front of certain people, but are completely different around others. Eternal life and the forgiveness of sin through Jesus' sacrifice is a free gift that can't be earned, but God also calls His followers to live a life committed to Him.

Committing to God and giving your life to Him is more than just saying one prayer and then going on with your normal routine; God calls us to resist our temptation to sin, to be in active communication with Him through prayer, and to completely trust Him even when things get tough. A life committed to Christ isn't easy; He never said it would be. We know one thing for certain though: being a poser gets you nowhere. Committing to following Jesus is the most important thing you will ever do, and it not only changes your life but it determines your eternity.

What are some things that are tough about being a follower of Christ?

"So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth."
Revelation 3:16

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter." Matthew 7:21

What can you do differently this week to be a better follower of Jesus?

- PRAYER -

God, thank you for loving me. I ask that you could give me strength to follow You, even when it gets tough. Lord, I pray that You will help me stand strong in my faith in You. Help me to be a better follower of You and to commit my life, my cares, and my fears to You. In Jesus' name, Amen!