

Intersections: Christianity & Today

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Forbidden Worlds— Occupations Closed to Christians



CLARIFICATION: We are talking about jobs that NO Christian can accept.

Almost any occupation could be closed to some Christians if it tends to separate them from the love of God.

Some Christians could not be a tattooist because it violates Leviticus 19:28.

Some Christians could not be a teacher in a government school.

Some Christians could not be agents for the IRS.

1. Here's some for discussion. The list is certainly not complete.
 - A) prostitute
 - B) author *Suicide for Dummies*
 - C) executioner
 - D) lender of money at 16% interest (The Church strictly prohibited this several centuries ago! It was called usury.)
 - E) operator of a nudist resort
 - F) spy (involving lying and assassination)
 - G) rabbi
 - H) loafing
 - I) manufacturer of napalm

2. Historically, Christianity has given its blessing to young men who wish to serve in the military. (Exceptions—Quakers and others—hereby noted.)
 - A) Could a young Christian man have served in the Nazi German army as it sought to expand its empire into Poland and Czechoslovakia?
 - B) Could a young Christian man have served in the Japanese army in the late 1930s as it sought to expand its empire into China?
 - C) Could a young Christian today serve in an army of a nation that is seeking to expand its empire militarily around the world, with military bases in over 120 countries?
3. Could you work in an advertising agency that has an account for the Ku Klux Klan even though you personally never have to work on that account?
4. Does what century you live in make a difference? (Slavery was not exactly condemned in the Old or New Testaments.)
5. Does where you live make a difference? (Christian pastors in the South told the parishioners that they could be Christians and slaveholders at the same time.)
6. Does being a Christian make a difference—or is our list the same as any one who genuinely loves others?
7. Are there jobs or activities a Christian can do that violate federal laws?
8. The Bible: “Let no one be found among you who . . . interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or cast spells, or who is a medium or spiritualist or who consults the dead.” (Deut. 18:10–11)