

# Almost Persuaded



Read: *Almost Persuaded* (CBCG, 1990)



To Persuade

What does it mean to be persuaded about something?

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What is the difference between being “almost persuaded” and being “wholly persuaded” about something?

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How does the level of persuasion impact someone’s actions & level of commitment to something?

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Why is the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment a test of our level of commitment to God?

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## Almost Persuaded or Wholly Persuaded?

As you read the bulk of this passage, many examples are provided of characteristics of those who are either almost persuaded or wholly persuaded. In each column, list characteristics of each person based on what you read. See if you can list at least 10 in each column.

Characteristics of Those Who are Almost Persuaded	Characteristics of Those Who are Wholly Persuaded



## Myth or Truth?

\_\_\_ Murmuring against God shows total belief & commitment to Him.

\_\_\_ When we make excuses to God, He takes it lightly because He knows our hearts.

\_\_\_ Being wholly persuaded means you examine scriptures for truth.

\_\_\_ Everyone who hears God's Word is wholly persuaded.

\_\_\_ Heeding God's commands without delay is evidence of someone who is almost persuaded.

\_\_\_ Requiring proof of God's direction is a sign of someone who is almost persuaded.

\_\_\_ A willingness to give up everything to follow God is a sign of someone who is wholly persuaded.



## Moses

Moses displeased God when he struck the rock. How did this show God that he was almost persuaded rather than wholly persuaded?

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What was the result of his actions?

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What is the lesson for us today?

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## Fill in the Blank

### Almost Persuaded

Use the words in the list below to complete the sentence

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment of God is a test whether or not you \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. God says we must \_\_\_\_\_ whom we will \_\_\_\_\_
3. The church of \_\_\_\_\_ were almost \_\_\_\_\_
4. I know your \_\_\_\_\_ that you are neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor cold.
5. Because you are \_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ you out of My mouth.
6. As many as I love, I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
7. Therefore, be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ for being almost persuaded is to love God with all your \_\_\_\_\_
9. We show our level of \_\_\_\_\_ to God through our actions and \_\_\_\_\_
10. God's Word should not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ what He says.

heart. commitment choose  
 hot spew lukewarm,  
 chasten. cure attitudes.  
 serve. works, love rebuke  
 fourth Laodicea zealous  
 lightly, repent. persuaded.  
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## Level of Commitment to God

**What are 3 obvious indicators of your level of commitment to God?**

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Read Matthew 13:18-23.

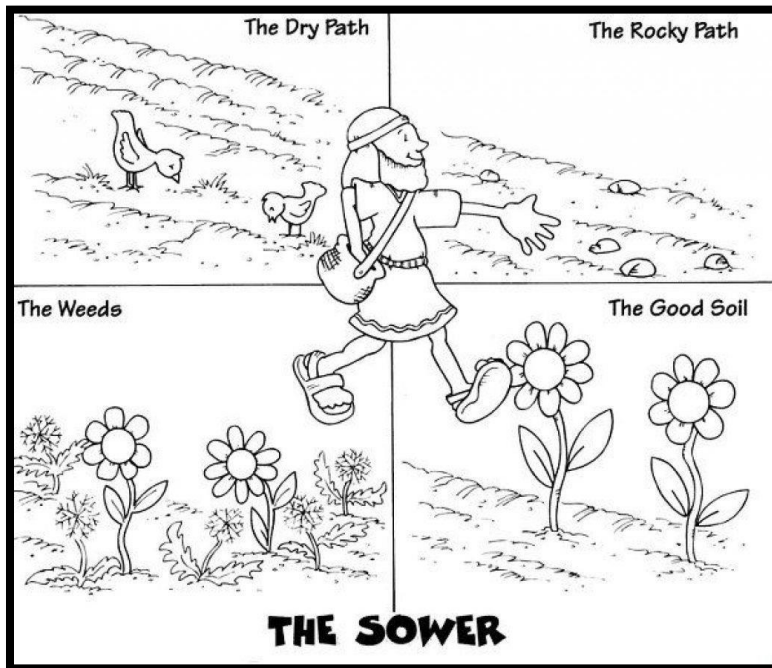
How does this parable relate to “almost persuaded”?

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Which areas show a readiness to receive God’s Word?

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Where have the seed of God’s Word landed in your life based on your current actions? Color in the area for your answer. Explain what you can DO to show you are wholly persuaded, even if you are currently in the good soil.

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**Which are those wholly persuaded in this parable? How can you tell?**

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### **Examining Ourselves**

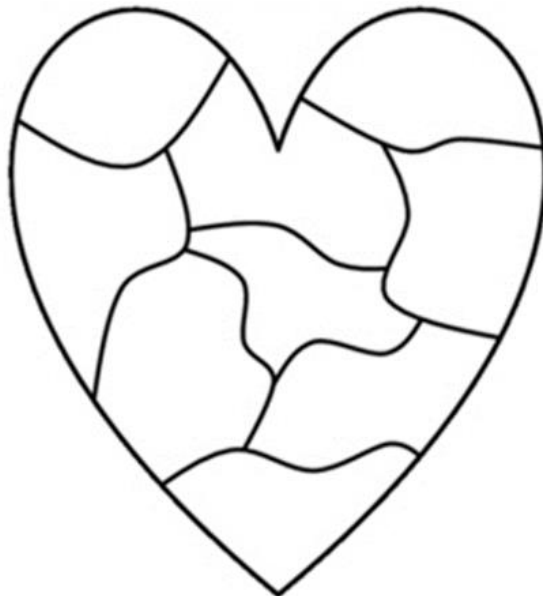
**Based on this passage, are you almost persuaded or wholly persuaded? Why?**

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**What do you need to do to become wholly persuaded to follow God 100%?**

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**Sometimes it is easy to give only part of our hearts or areas of our lives totally to God. To be chosen in the end, we need to be ALL IN. In each area of the heart below, write an area of your life. Then color in the areas you have totally given to Him to control.**





## Your Response to God

**What is your personal response to God today? Write a prayer to Him in the speech bubble below.**

A large speech bubble with a thick black border and a pointed bottom. Inside the bubble, there are 15 horizontal lines for writing, providing space for a personal response or prayer.