

How to be a Quaker

One of Christian Quakerism's central beliefs is in the priesthood of all true Christian believers, therefore, Christian Quakerism attracts religious people who wish to interact directly with God, rather than with a clerical hierarchy. Read on below to learn how to quake before the Lord!

- 1). **Examine your beliefs** – Quakers believe that every person can have direct communion with God the Father. Sacraments such as the Lord's Supper and Water Baptism are not the centre of the Quaker faith, instead daily prayer to God and Bible reading, and personal revelation, are vital to the life of the Friend.
- 2). **Acquaint yourself with silence** – Being comfortable with silent prayer is a fundamental part of the Quaker experience – it is the way by which Friends believe one can come closer to God the Father through the Inward Light of Christ.
- 3). **Learn Christian Pacifism** – Quakers have always been strongly pacifist; they see war as something rejected by true followers of Christ.
- 4). **Learn Simplicity** – Most Christian Quakers today don't dress as if they're from the 17th century, but they do hold standards of simple life and simple-heartedness. Fancy clothing, jewellery, foods, decorations, and speech aren't very 'Christian Quaker.' Be aware that this is very difficult to achieve – but once you have found a simple, fulfilling lifestyle you will feel rewarded.
- 5). **Research** – Make sure that this belief system is really the one you wish to subscribe to. This Evangelical Quaker website is a good place to start.
- 6). **Start a Evangelical Friends Preparative Meeting** – Starting a Quaker Preparative Meeting seems hard at first, but in time they are likely to become a lot more widespread than you may think.

7). **Pray** – Do not isolate your life from your time of daily prayer to God the Father – a Friend’s life should be a prayer in itself and a testimony to what God does in his life.

8). **Serve God.** Through prayer and contemplation; God the Father will reveal his plans for you – Quakers believe that God speaks to all people: you must listen to God in order to receive from him.

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