

# WHAT NOT TO SAY TO A LOVED ONE LEAVING THE CHURCH

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- 1) Are you reading your scriptures, praying, and attending church?
- 2) You are destroying our eternal family.
- 3) You are under the influence of Satan.
- 4) If you leave the Church you won't be able to be with your deceased child in the Celestial Kingdom.
- 5) How could you do this to me?
- 6) Your children will suffer and your marriage will fall apart if you leave.
- 7) I'm so worried about you.
- 8) I weep for you.
- 9) I don't feel the Spirit when you're talking.
- 10) Just don't think about your questions and that everything will work out.
- 11) I just have faith that it'll all work out and you should, too.
- 12) Is there a sin you need to confess?
- 13) Oh, I've been through that phase. You'll come back.
- 14) I'll come visit you in a lower kingdom in the next life.
- 15) So you're an "anti-Mormon" now?
- 16) You're just choosing to doubt because it's trendy. Everyone's having a "faith crisis."
- 17) I never thought you would become an "apostate."
- 18) You would be able to have another child if you were attending church and paying a full tithe.
- 19) You will never be truly happy without the Church.
- 20) I've studied Church history, too, and it doesn't bother me.
- 21) Your countenance is dark.
- 22) I hope it doesn't take a horrible tragedy to bring you back to the Church.
- 23) You were never truly converted. You must have never had a spiritual witness.
- 24) I fear for your eternal salvation.
- 25) It would have been better for you to never be born than to have the Gospel and turn away from it.