

The "Tator" Family Mark 14:17-21

A family that is a detriment to the cause of Christ
These are characteristics that a Christian should not possess.

Spectator

Always look on - does nothing to help; I "can't" - Sing, pray, teach, visit
Use talents (opportunities) we have according to abilities **Matthew 25:14-30**
I must do: **Ephesians 4:16; John 4:35; James 4:17**
I can do: **Philippians 4:13; 1Corinthians 15:58**

Hesitator

Always planning - thinking about doing
I intend to some day: Give up worldliness, bad language bad habits; Obey Gospel, attend regularly,
be more diligent in study, visiting, give more.
It is good to plan but planning must be carried out - **John 9:4; James 2:21-26**

Imitator

Copies others, follows the crowd; No convictions, just goes along - **Ephesians 4:14; Exodus 23:2; Proverbs 1:10**
Have faith to stand alone if necessary - **Hebrews 11:6-8,24; Ephesians 6:11-14; Philippians 1:14-17**

Commentator

Gives advice on how to do or criticizes the way something is being done
Fault - finder - mote hunter - **Matthew 23:3-4**
Do as I say and not as I do - **Romans 2:19-21**
Mote hunting - **Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 3:23**
We have obligation to point out error, but we are to be busy working ourselves as well, not just watching others

Agitator

Trouble maker - never satisfied unless problems exist.
Whispering, Backbiting, Tattling, Busybody; One who blackens names & characters of others - yet always innocent - never does any wrong. - **James 3:1-8**
Should seek peace - **1Peter 3:11; Ephesians 4:3; Psalm 133:1**
Mark them and avoid them - **Romans 16:17-18; Proverbs 6:16-19**

Dictator

Rule or Ruin - **3John 9-11**
Humility makes one great in kingdom of heaven - **Matthew 18:1-4; 20:26-28; 1Corinthians 13:4-6**
Be careful of importance we place on ourselves - **Romans 12:3**
Even Overseers can't be "Lords" over God's heritage - **1Peter 5:1-3**

Are You A Member Of This Family?

The church does not need any of these individuals - in fact it would be better off without them.
The church needs those who not only plan but also do - Who try to avoid trouble, are willing to serve rather than rule - who will stand alone if necessary so that they may stand for Christ -who will help rather than just give advice - who will get involved instead of just looking on from the sidelines.

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