

Spiritual Vocabulary: Support

When you 'support' something, you are actually giving yourself to that person or entity you are supporting or standing with.

What we are going to do is to break down what the TRUE meaning of the word **support** is so you will know. What we are going to show you is how you can start YOUR study of the Bible by taking a topic and breaking down the words so we can understand their meaning. Notice that we did NOT go back to the Greek or the Hebrew for this; we got OUR dictionary and broke it down from there.

Not everyone can go through and read the Bible from cover to cover as some people and pastors on You Tube and the Internet brag that they do. With the unction of the Holy Ghost, **the Bible has to be revealed to you**, and working with the Holy Ghost is how this is done. If you do not know the Holy Ghost, you are REALLY missing out. **It is actually fun to study when you study with the Holy Ghost**, and what He reveals in the Bible when you study with Him is mind-boggling.

It would be wise to ask Jesus to help you with this article, Christian. We are going to start off by delving into the meaning of the words and grabbing every nugget of information out of them that we can. So let's get started by looking at the definition of **support** and see where that goes.

verb (tr)

1. to carry the weight of
2. to bear or withstand (pressure, weight, etc)
3. to provide the necessities of life for (a family, person, etc)
4. to tend to establish (a theory, statement, etc) by providing new facts; substantiate
5. to speak in favour of (a motion)
6. to give aid or courage to
7. to give approval to (a cause, principle, etc); subscribe to: to support a political candidature
8. to endure with forbearance *I will no longer support bad behaviour*
9. to give strength to; maintain *to support a business*

From the definitions above, let's agree that **support** means:

- to speak in **favour** of (definition 5), or give favour to,
- to give **aid** to (definition 6),
- to give **courage** to (definition 6),
- to give **approval** to (definition 7),

- to **subscribe** to (definition 7), and
- to **give strength to** (definition 8).

Let's continue with this and break down even further by looking at the word **favour**. It means:

noun

1. something done or granted out of goodwill, rather than from justice or for remuneration; a kind act: *to ask a favor*.
2. friendly or well-disposed regard; goodwill: *to win the favor of the king*.
3. the state of being approved or held in regard: to be in favor at court; styles that are now in favor.
4. excessive kindness or unfair partiality; preferential treatment: to treat some people with favor and others with neglect.
5. a gift bestowed as a token of goodwill, kind regard, love, etc., as formerly upon a knight by his lady.
6. a ribbon, badge, etc., worn in evidence of goodwill or loyalty, as by an adherent of a political party.
7. a small gift or decorative or festive item, as a noisemaker or paper hat, often distributed to guests at a party.
8. Usually favors. sexual intimacy, especially as permitted by a woman.
9. Archaic. a letter, especially a commercial one.

verb (used with object)

1. to regard with favor: *to favor an enterprise*.
2. to prefer; treat with partiality: *The father favored his younger son*.
3. to show favor to; oblige: *The king favored him with an audience*.
4. to be favorable to; facilitate: *The wind favored their journey*.
5. to deal with, treat, or use gently: *to favor a lame leg*.
6. to aid or support: *He favored his party's cause with ample funds*.
7. to bear a physical resemblance to; resemble: *to favor one's father's side of the family*.

Idioms

1. find favor with, to gain the favor of; be liked by: *The play found favor with the opening-night audience*.
2. in favor of,
 - on the side of; in support of: *to be in favor of reduced taxation*.
 - to the advantage of.
 - (of check, draft, etc.) payable to: *Make out your checks in favor of the corporation*.
3. in one's favor, to one's credit or advantage: *All the comments were in your favor*.
4. out of favor, no longer liked or approved; no longer popular or fashionable: *He's out of favor with the president and may soon be fired*.

In this instance, let's agree on definition 2 under **Idioms**, which means on the side of or in support of. Let's mark this in your minds because this is VERY important as we look at what support really means. Let's find out what **aid** means:

verb

1. to give support to (someone to do something); help or assist
2. (tr) to assist financially

noun

1. assistance; help; support
2. a person, device, etc, that helps or assists a teaching aid

Next, let's see what the definition of **courage** is:

noun

1. the power or quality of dealing with or facing danger, fear, pain, etc
2. the courage of one's convictions the confidence to act in accordance with one's beliefs
3. take one's courage in both hands to nerve oneself to perform an action
4. obsolete mind; disposition; spirit

In this case, **courage** can be defined as the confidence to act in accordance to one's beliefs. We next have **approval**, so let's see what that means:

noun

1. the act of approving
2. formal agreement; sanction
3. a favourable opinion; commendation
4. on approval (of articles for sale) for examination with an option to buy or return

Next, let's define **subscribe**:

verb (used with object), sub•scribed, sub•scrib•ing.

1. to pledge, as by signing an agreement, to give or pay (a sum of money) as a contribution, gift, or investment: He subscribed \$6,000 for the new church.
2. to give or pay in fulfillment of such a pledge.
3. to append one's signature or mark to (a document), as in approval or attestation of its contents.
4. to attest by or as by signing.
5. to append, as one's signature, at the bottom of a document or the like; sign.
6. to agree or assent to.

verb (used without object), sub•scribed, sub•scrib•ing.

1. to pledge, as by signing an agreement, to give or pay money as a contribution, gift, or investment.
2. to give or pay money in fulfillment of such a pledge.

3. to obtain or have a subscription to a publication, concert series, service, etc.: She subscribes to two food magazines.
4. to give one's consent; sanction: I will not subscribe to popular fallacies.
5. to sign one's name to a document.
6. to give approval to the contents of a document by signing one's name.

Since we are led here, let's look at the following words: **pledge**, **attest**, **assent**. These words will help us understand what support really is, as these words do describe intent. **Pledge** means:

noun

1. a solemn promise or agreement to do or refrain from doing something: a pledge of aid; a pledge not to wage war.
2. something delivered as security for the payment of a debt or fulfillment of a promise, and subject to forfeiture on failure to pay or fulfill the promise.
3. the state of being given or held as security: to put a thing in pledge.
4. Law.
 - a. the act of delivering goods, property, etc., to another for security.
 - b. the resulting legal relationship.
7. something given or regarded as a security.
8. a person accepted for membership in a club, fraternity, or sorority, but not yet formally approved.
9. an assurance of support or goodwill conveyed by drinking a person's health; a toast.
10. Obsolete.
 - a. a hostage.
 - b. a person who becomes bail or surety for another.

verb (used with object), pledged, pledg•ing.

1. to bind by or as if by a pledge: to pledge hearers to secrecy.
2. to promise solemnly: to pledge one's support.
3. to give or deposit as a pledge; pawn.
4. to stake, as one's honor.
5. to secure by a pledge; give a pledge for.
6. to accept as a pledge for club, fraternity, or sorority membership.
7. to drink a health or toast to.

verb (used without object), pledged, pledg•ing.

1. to make or give a pledge: to pledge for someone.
2. to drink a pledge; toast someone's health, success, etc.

Idioms

- take the pledge, to make a solemn, formal vow to abstain from intoxicating drink.

As you can see, a **pledge** will bind you to the person or entity that you are making the pledge to. Let's find out what **attest** means:

Verb

1. (tr) to affirm the correctness or truth of
2. (when in tr, usually foll by to) to witness (an act, event, etc) or bear witness to (an act, event, etc) as by signature or oath
3. (tr) to make evident; demonstrate his life of luxury attests his wealth
4. (tr) to provide evidence forth marks in the ground attested the presence of a fossil

We have **assent**, and let's see what that is defined as:

noun

1. agreement, as to a statement, proposal, etc; acceptance
2. hesitant agreement; compliance
3. sanction

and finally, since we have been led here, let's find out what **agreement** is defined as:

noun

1. the act of agreeing
2. a settlement, esp one that is legally enforceable; covenant; treaty
3. a contract or document containing such a settlement
4. the state of being of the same opinion; concord; harmony
5. the state of being similar or consistent; correspondence; conformity

So, getting back to the word **support**, we can see that it means:

Being on the side of an issue, thing, or being, having the confidence to act in accordance to one's beliefs, entering into a formal agreement or sanctioning what you are on the side of, pledging or making a solemn promise to bear witness to by signature or oath, being in the state of the same opinion.

Can you see that by supporting, you are affirming the correctness and truth of a person or entity? You are also bearing witness to an act by signature or **OATH**.

This is where people get hung up Christian.

Oaths are VERY SERIOUS legal instruments that the Lord of Hosts uses in his ministration of the universe. As we covered in our Law and Order series, an Oath has a death penalty attached to it (to see the article about **oaths**, click [here](#)). The Lord of Hosts and the Lord Jesus Christ take oaths SERIOUSLY and you will be judged by them if you break your oath or do not fulfill your oath.



A further look at what 'support' really means

Let's keep the definition of the word **support** up front so you can refer back to it as needed. **Support** is defined as:

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Now, as we explore support, we have the issue of **solemn promises** to bear witness by signature or **oath**. So what is a **solemn promise**?

- a **VOW**; a solemn pledge (to oneself or to another or to a deity) to do something or to behave in a certain manner;
- a promise dedicated to a deity by a vow.

Did you get that, Christian?

In case you do not remember, the Lord of Hosts regards His name above anything else, and if you make a solemn promise, you had better make sure that you fulfill that promise. That **solemn promise** is found in the following Legal instruments that the Lord administers:

Promises

Oaths

Swears

Vows

If you promise to do something, you had better fulfill it or you will be judged by the Lord of Hosts and the Lord Jesus Christ personally. For your convenience, we have linked the legal instruments to our Law and Order study so you can see what we are talking about. Take a moment to read what each instrument does and the penalties that are appended to those instruments.



States of agreement

Let us keep this definition of the word **support** in front of us, here is the definition again - **Support** is defined as:

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Let's now take a look at the agreements and sanctions that are a part of this definition. As with promises, agreements are covered under the following legal instruments:

Allegiance

Alliances

Covenants

Pledges

When you pledge or agree with something, you build a tie with the person whom you are in agreement with. Take a look at what Ties are and how that affects you when you 'support' something:

Ties

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Let's pull all of this together

As you can plainly see, giving your support for something shows your INTENT as well as your allegiance to whatever it is you give your support to. In addition to that, by giving your allegiance to something you support, you turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, as he will give you over to the thing(s) you desire.

In other words, Christian, if you SUPPORT something, like a Fraternity or Sorority, for example, you are given OVER to that entity, and you turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ. Didn't the Lord warn you that He is a jealous God and He will not share? Here is the scripture if you have forgotten:

Exodus 20:5 - Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Some of you are saying that 'Jesus never said that so that does not apply'. Wrong, Christian, it does apply, because the Lord Jesus Christ tells us in Scripture that He is one with His Father:

John 10:30 - I and my Father are one.

So what does that mean? That means that they are in perfect agreement with each other, so the things that apply to the Father ALSO apply to the Son.

'Oh SNAP!', you say.

Yep, if you turn away from Jesus, you turn away from His Father. His Father will NOT recognize you if you are NOT in His Son, and you become an enemy of God, Christian, because you will NOT acknowledge and follow His Son. Scripture tells us this:

James 4:4 - Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

We know that many of you are reading these truths for the very first time, and this is why these articles are being written. We also know that many of you are starting to think back to what you have said that has been against Jesus, and now you can see how serious it is to say things and just follow along blindly to what 'they' say.

We have gone through all of these gymnastics with this one word to show that you have to be careful of what you say or you will damn yourself. At the end of this article, we will help you get to Jesus whom you will need to get these curses you put on yourself off of you so you are free.