25 THINGS NOT TO SAY TO A LOVED

ONE LEAVING THE CHURCH Julie de Azevedo Hanks PhD, LCSW

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.

- 15. So you're an "anti-Mormon" now? Everyone's having a "faith crisis." attending church and paying a full tithe. me.
- 21. Your countenance is dark. back to the Church.
- had a spiritual witness.
- 24. I fear for your eternal salvation.
- than to have the Gospel and turn away from it.



14. I'll come visit you in a lower kingdom in the next life.

16. You're just choosing to doubt because it's trendy.

17. I never thought you would become an "apostate."

18. You would be able to have another child if you were

19. You will never be truly happy without the Church.

20. I've studied Church history, too, and it doesn't bother

22. I hope it doesn't take a horrible tragedy to bring you

23. You were never truly converted. You must have never

25. It would have been better for you to never be born

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