

Commitment



What is commitment?



- ▶ Commitment: “a promise or pledge to do something”
- ▶ Commit: “to pledge; to bind; as to commit oneself to a certain course”
- ▶ Commitment involves dedication to and devotion to a course of action; being bound to and dominated by that course of action

Commitment Illustrated



- ▶ 1 Kings 19:19-21
- ▶ Arose
- ▶ Followed
- ▶ Served
- ▶ Behind it was a choice of the will, not a feeling, and a resolve and determination

Commitment therefore involves...

- ▶ Forsaking
- ▶ Following
- ▶ And behind it is a choice of the will, not a feeling, and a resolve and determination to follow through and complete
- ▶ Resolve...Forsake...Follow

See Jesus' perfect example of commitment

- ▶ Forsook
 - ▶ Philippians 2:5-11
 - ▶ John 6:38
- ▶ Followed
 - ▶ Hebrews 10:5-10
 - ▶ Hebrews 5:8-9
 - ▶ Luke 22:42
- ▶ Determined to finish, and did finish
 - ▶ John 4:34; 9:4
 - ▶ Luke 9:51; Matthew 16:21, 20:18-19
 - ▶ John 17:4, 19:30



Commitment therefore involves these actions...

- ▶ Resolving
 - ▶ Forsaking
 - ▶ Following
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- ▶ Those who are committed are determined to finish and will finish the course

The gospel calls men to commitment

- ▶ Matthew 16:24-26
 - ▶ Resolve
 - ▶ Forsake
 - ▶ Follow
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- ▶ Becoming a disciple of Christ means you are making a commitment to the Lord

The gospel calls men to commitment

- ▶ Luke 9:57-62
 - ▶ No other way
- ▶ Luke 14:25-33
 - ▶ Total, not partial
 - ▶ Finish, not just start
- ▶ Matthew 10:32-33
 - ▶ Open, not secret



- ▶ Commitment involves

- ▶ Resolving
- ▶ Forsaking
- ▶ Following

- ▶ Commitment

- ▶ Is total, not partial
- ▶ Is open, not secret
- ▶ Is characterized by determination to finish

NT disciples of Jesus were committed


- ▶ The apostles
 - ▶ Luke 5:11
 - ▶ Mark 10:28-30
- ▶ The first Christians
 - ▶ Acts 2:38-47
- ▶ Saul
 - ▶ Acts 9:20
- ▶ Commitment was taught
 - ▶ Acts 26:20

Commitment to the Lord is the basis of our commitment in every relationship in life

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:5
- ▶ Let us examine our commitment...
 - ▶ To our personal growth
 - ▶ 2 Peter 1:5-8; 3:18
 - ▶ To our husband or wife
 - ▶ Ephesians 5:22-31
 - ▶ To our children
 - ▶ Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:4

Commitment to the Lord is the basis of our commitment in every relationship in life

- ▶ Let us examine our commitment...
 - ▶ To keep ourselves pure
 - ▶ James 1:27
 - ▶ Ephesians 4:17-24
 - ▶ In the local church
 - ▶ Hebrews 10:24-25
 - ▶ Galatians 6:1-2
 - ▶ 1 John 3:16-18

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- ▶ Being committed to the Lord requires...
 - ▶ Resolving
 - ▶ Forsaking
 - ▶ Following

 - ▶ Commitment to the Lord must be...
 - ▶ Total
 - ▶ Open
 - ▶ Characterized by a determination to finish

 - ▶ Are you fully and openly committed to the Lord & His Way?