



Commitment

“the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.”

“Transforms the promise into reality.

Words that speak boldly of your intentions. Actions which speak louder than the words. Making time when there is none. Coming through time after time, year after year. The stuff Character is made of. Power to change the face of things. Daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.”

Commitment

“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstances permit. When you are committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.”

Comes from Belief in
Something

**Commitment
Must Be To Christ
Our Spiritual Welfare
Depends Upon our
Commitment to Christ!**

To be Committed to Christ:

- Committed to the Law of God
 - 1 Samuel 1:11 – Vow of Hannah
 - 1 Samuel 3:10, “speak, for your servant hears”
- This is the kind of commitment we must have to the Word of God

**Being Committed to
Something Doesn’t
Necessarily Mean We Are
Right!**

- Acts 23:1 – Saul was Committed
- Acts 26:9-12, “thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.”
- Must be committed to the Right Thing!

Things Necessary for Commitment to Christ

- Willing to lose Everything for Christ
 - Philippians 3:4-11, “loss of all things, and count them as rubbish”
 - 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 – stripes above measure, prisons, deaths, stoned, shipwrecked, perils, weariness, sleeplessness, hunger, thirst, deep concern for all the churches

Things Necessary for Commitment to Christ

- Defend the Truth Against All Error and False Teachers
 - Philippians 1:16, “knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel”
 - 1 Timothy 1:18-20, “wage the good warfare”

Things Necessary for Commitment to Christ

- Put Lives in Order
 - 1 John 3:3, “purifies himself, just as He is pure”
 - Matthew 10:24-39 –
 - Must be like Jesus
 - Never Waiver because of Fear
 - Must be Bold and Courageous
 - He will take care of us
 - Never be afraid to Confess Christ
 - Ready to be opposed by Family
 - Bear burdens without faltering

Things Necessary for Commitment to Christ

- Put Lives in Order
 - Luke 14:16-33
 - Put to the Test
 - Feeble Excuses
 - IF committed, would have come
 - Lack of Commitment to God Kept Jews from Tasting the Supper
 - Commitment to Him greater than love for our own life
 - Bearing Own Cross and Following Him
 - Put Him First, Ahead of Everything

Are You COMMITTED or JUST INVOLVED?

Christ Calls for
COMMITMENT and Will
Not Settle for
INVOLVEMENT