



Commitment



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- ◆ The social gospel emphasizes fun and frolic . . . Carnal enticements . . .
- ◆ The gospel demands the lost to repent and commit to the Lord in truth & holiness.



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## WHAT ABOUT ME?

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- ◆ Totally Committed?
  - ◆ Merely Involved?
  - ◆ Observer?



# TO SPEAK OF COMMITMENT IS TO SPEAK OF PRIORITIES

## Life Is All About PRIORITIES AND VALUES

How committed we  
are to something  
depends on how  
much we value it!

Committed  
to the Lord

- Treasure His  
Sacrifice

Committed  
to marriage

- Treasure  
marriage

Committed  
to self

- Treasure things  
(cf. Lk. 12:15-21)

# The Lord Demands Total Commitment

**Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Commit your works to  
the LORD, And your  
thoughts will be  
established.



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## Matthew 13:44-46 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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## Luke 9:23-25 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?



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## Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

<sup>57</sup> Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.**"

<sup>59</sup> Then He said to another, "**Follow Me.**" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "**Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.**"

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Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

<sup>61</sup> And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house."

<sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, "**No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**"



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## Luke 14:25-33 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it--

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## Luke 14:25-33 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.



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Luke 14:25-33 (NKJV)

33 So likewise, whoever  
of you does not  
forsake all that he has  
cannot be My disciple.

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## Luke 16:10-13 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> He who is faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. <sup>11</sup> Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."



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## 2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

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## 1 Peter 4:17-19 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>18</sup> Now "*If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?*"

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.



# Evidences of Our Commitment To The Lord



- ◆ **DECLARE OUR FAITH IN CHRIST** - Rom 10:9,10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ **TURN FROM SIN TO CHRIST** - Acts 2:38; 1Thes 1:8,9
- ◆ **BE BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM** — Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-5; Gal 3:27
- ◆ **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS** - Mat 28:19-20; Titus 2:11,12

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- ◆ **CHOICES** – Josh. 24:15
- ◆ **ATTENDANCE** – Heb. 10:24,25
- ◆ **BIBLE STUDY** – Ps. 1:2; 119:127;  
Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 2:15
- ◆ **PRAYER** – Rom. 12:12
- ◆ **GIVING** – 2 Cor. 8:1-7
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** –  
Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Pet 1:5-10
- ◆ **EVANGELISM** – Acts 8:4;  
1 Thes 1:6-10



# Staying Committed To The Lord



- ◆ REMEMBERING - (REV. 2:5)
- ◆ NOT BEING FEARFUL, BUT FAITHFUL - (REV. 2:10)
- ◆ REPENTING - (REV. 2:16)
- ◆ KEEPING HIS WORKS TO THE END - (REV. 2:25,26)
- ◆ HOLDING FAST - (REV. 3:3)
- ◆ PERSEVERING - (REV. 3:10)
- ◆ BEING ZEALOUS - (REV. 3:19)

# Our Lack of Commitment To The Lord Is Exposed When We:

- ◆ **VALUE OTHER THINGS MORE** — Rev. 2:4
- ◆ **TOLERATE DOCTRINAL IMPURITY** - Rev. 2:15
- ◆ **COMPROMISE MORALITY** - Rev. 2:20
- ◆ **LIVE ON PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS** - Rev. 3:2
- ◆ **NEGLECT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** - Rev. 3:7,8
- ◆ **BECOME LUKEWARM** - Rev. 3:16
- ◆ **BECOME MATERIALISTIC** - Rev. 3:17
- ◆ **POSSESS ARROGANT SELF-CONFIDENCE** - Rev. 3:17



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## Matthew 6:19-24 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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<sup>22</sup> "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!



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## 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

# Are You Totally Committed To the Lord?



- ♦ IF YOU HAVE NEVER COMMITTED YOUR LIFE TO THE LORD — YOU NEED TO TODAY BY OBEYING THE GOSPEL — (Acts 2:38,47; 24:25)
- ♦ IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN BUT NOT AS COMMITTED AS YOU OUGHT TO BE — CONFESS AND REPENT — (2 Cor. 6:1,2; Heb 3:7,13; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9)





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