

## Commitment

Do you remember when you were growing up you may have had a friend that meant the world to you? You were committed to them, to your friendship.

Write two things or people you are committed to on a piece of paper and set it to the side...

Now think on this for a minute... what does commitment mean to you? How are you committed to each of these things? Don't answer out loud... just think to yourself.

Now let's look at commitment...

What does the word commitment mean?

*It is a Noun* , the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity,

dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, vow, promise, pledge,  
oath; contract, pact, deal;  
decision, resolution, responsibility, obligation, duty, tie, liability; task;

You see commitment is involved in every day parts of your life?  
Your marriage vows, a commitment made to your husband/wife, your children... and to God...

Commitment is a pledge or undertaking.

an engagement or obligation that restricts freedom of action.

a promise to do or give something. : a promise to be loyal to someone or something. : the attitude of someone who works very hard to do or support something ...

For me my Commitment is like a covenant, Jesus loved me so much He offered himself as sacrifice for me... so now, I am committed to Him, to His service... I don't expect to be asked to serve Him,.. It is simple, God shows me what needs to be done in the church, or where I am, and I obey.. I do it, that simple... If I see that there is food or trash that needs to be picked up, dishes to wash...whatever He shows me, then I can act on it... I don't have to be asked or ask anyone if I can help, I just do it.  
This is my ministry, my commitment and my covenant to God...

Commitment is so much like Covenant because Covenant requires Commitment....

In the Bible, covenant in Hebrew means “to cut”  
 God made a covenant with Abraham. The cutting of foreskin at 8 days old meant that that child was in covenant with God, under Abraham’s covenant..

It was common practice for men to make a blood covenant with each other, they would cut their hand or arm and mix the blood together, then drip blood into a cup, mix it with wine and drink of each other’s cup... there was no stronger bond between men. This covenant said that if anything happen to one of them then the other would take care of their family,, whether it was death or just unable to take care of each other.

The blood became the indication of covenant beginning with the Passover when God told Moses that the blood from the lamb offered as sacrifice was to be put over and on the sides of the doors so the angel of death would pass them over. This was a blood covenant made by God, and with it came the promise from God that He would care for them when they were delivered from Egypt.

What does the Bible say about commitment? Here are two scriptures:

Scripture: Commitment

### **Proverbs 16:3**

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established

### **Ephesians 4:16**

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Now look again at the two things you wrote down:

Are these things you believe you are committed to?

Ask yourself this question regarding each of those things, don't answer out loud, but take a look at it, and be honest with yourself...

On either of these two things, if something came up that you wanted to do, or thought you might like to do; somebody you would want to spend time with that you haven't seen in a while, but you are suppose to be with or do something for either one of the two people or things you have written down...

What would you choose? Would you choose that which you have already planned, or committed to, or would you choose the new thing, maybe something you haven't done or somebody you haven't seen in a long time over the first thing?

Are you really committed to that thing/person which you wrote down, or are you just interested in that thing unless something else comes along.

Do you think of that which you have committed to, or do you think of what suits YOU, what makes you FEEL good, or what You want in that moment?

Are you willing to be committed to your husband, child, friend, church?  
Really committed?

God did not put anyone on this earth without having something for them to do!

Who knows you have a ministry, something that will require commitment?

Perhaps you are committed to doing the "Men's breakfast", that is your ministry, your commitment. Maybe you are committed to bringing food on most Wednesday nights, That is Your ministry... You are both faithful in the thing God has put in your hearts..Your commitment to this church, this body of Christ.

I am asking you if you will be committed to your church. If you don't have a home church, perhaps you will commit to Celebration House. I am asking This church, if you will commit to some kind of ministry within the church...

There are so many things, maybe a commitment to bring dessert or Sunday mornings, or to sweep the sidewalk on Sunday mornings before service, to mail birthday, welcome, or sympathy cards to other members or visitors of the church? I am asking that each of you consider your commitment to the church and pray for God to show you what your ministry is.... Please fill out your form and place it in your church offering basket, or meet with your pastor and let them know what God has put on your heart. Now how committed are you? It is a big step. This is a commitment to God and His service, not so much the pastor, and only you and God know how intent you are on keeping your commitment.

I want you to understand, I am not asking you to commit because you need to be in bondage, but what I know is, when you come to know Jesus and He is your Lord, then something happens inside ... you have to share Him, you have to do for Him... sometimes its with service, sometimes it is with teaching or sharing Him, sometimes its learning what He has for YOUR own part in His ministry...

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Commitment form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (your name), have prayed and sought the Lord on this matter, and I am going to commit to serving God in my church or commit to serving God through Celebration House. I commit to

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(what are you committing to?)

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Signature and date

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