

Commitment

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I. Introduction.

A. It is possible to be a Christian for a long time and be immature because maturity is determined by skill in God's Word. (Hebrews 5:13-14)

B. God promises to bless our lives and then multiply our lives to be a blessing to others.

C. Christians were called believers (known for their faith), those who call upon His name (known for their prayer life), those who walk in Him (known for having their lives summed up in the life of Christ) - if we could be like this it would have a major impact on the world. (Colossians 3)

D. In Jesus Christ all the fullness of deity dwells, so if He dwells in you then all you need dwells in you.

II. Commitment.

A. In Christ all the treasures of wisdom are met.

B. Total commitment to a cause is what makes a thing go.

C. If every Christian submitted himself humbly to the Lord and the Word, a whole nation could be evangelized.

D. If you would invest your life helping others find Jesus Christ, you cannot live for yourself. (Mark 15, Luke 23:36-37, Matthew 27:34, Mark 15:29, Mark 8:34-35, John 12:24)

E. The committed life begins with a life given to the will of God contra the world. (1 John 2:15-17)

F. Three reasons for committing one's life.

1. Your life is a vapor. Life is far too short to be little - let God make it big. (James 4:14)

2. Only the souls of men and the Word of God will last, so commit yourself to them. (2 Peter 3:10)

3. Your work in the Lord is not in vain. No one was ever bored in the book of Acts. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

G. Jesus Christ was demanding - He asked for everything. (Luke 5)

Application questions

1. How can it be said that we have all we need in Christ?

2. Why should a person commit his life whole-heartedly to God and His work?

3. Has there ever been a time a time when you have dedicated yourself to Jesus Christ? If not, is there anything keeping you from doing that now?
