

Commitment

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I. Introduction.

A. Without a commitment to a cause, that cause has no impact on the person.

II. The strategy for national evangelism is individual commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word.

III. If we are going to save others, we must be willing to give up our self. (Mark 15:31, Luke 23:36-37, Matthew 27:44, Mark 15:29-30, 8:34-35, John 12:24)

A. You have to choose to live for self or other people.

B. We are to give up self and love not the world. (Mark 8:34, 1 John 2:15-17)

IV. Why make a total commitment?

A. Our life is a vapor. We can live a big life if we live it in the will of God. (James 4:14)

B. The only things that will last for eternity is God's Word, and people - if we get involved in these then our lives are meshed with eternity. (2 Peter 3:10)

C. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

V. Commitment expressed.

A. Faith needs no precedent. The disciples forsook all and followed Jesus. (Luke 5)

B. God is no respecter of persons, however. We do not have to be superstars to be used by God. (Mark 10)

C. Jesus is a gentleman who waits for us to follow Him.

VI. The commitment.

A. The commitment Jesus asks of us is not to be disciples - this is not far enough.

B. The commitment He asks is for us to be disciple makers involving us in the Great Commission.

C. There is no option with the Great Commission, but there is no boredom.

D. God can use anyone to further His kingdom - it just requires that bedrock commitment.

Application questions

1. How did the nationals show the importance of individual obedience in their mission statement?

2. Which reason for a total commitment stood out to you? Explain.

3. How does Peter demonstrate a total commitment? What would a total commitment look like for you right now?
