

Commit To Being Committed

- *Psalm 37:5; Acts 20:22-24*

- **There are times where God uses certain sermons from this pulpit to directly convict others of sin in their lives. There are other times where sermons are preached & God is able to teach us something & change our thoughts & our lives. And then there are sermons that are preached where God warns us of the dangers of not following after Him.**
- **This sermon will hopefully be one of those that include all 3 segments.**
 - If you have sin in your life today & you need God's forgiveness, I trust that you will call upon Him today.
 - I also want God to teach us some things today that will cause us to love Him more.
 - But I think the sermon today could also be used as a warning.
- **Commitment is one of the things that I believe is missing in our world today.**
 - It's missing in a lot of corporations today,
 - It's missing in families,
 - But unfortunately, it is also missing among Christian people.
- **Commitment or Determination: to have one's mind made up; to become unwavering in ones actions & attitude.**
- **3 QUOTE SLIDES**
- **We are told that there are right at 100 million Church members in America and yet, why are we not making more of a moral and spiritual impact?**
 - Why is it, that on Sunday morning, hundreds of churches have empty pews?
 - Why are so many churches having just a few at service on Wednesday and Sunday nights?
 - Why are more & more churches turning from the truths of God's Word & instead preaching a man-made, feel-good sermon that avoids the issue of sin & "thus saith the Lord"?
 - The Holy Bible is the inspired, inerrant word of God, and yet, why is it that so few read it?
 - If God is a prayer answering God, and He has commanded us to ask, seek, and knock, then why is so little praying going on?
 - If you and I believe there is a heaven & hell, why do we keep so quiet about the gospel?
 - Why are Christian lives continuing to be wrecked through the consequences of personal sin in their lives?
- **The answer to all of these questions is tragically simple! God's people have made a decision about Jesus....but have never made a commitment to Him."**
 - I want Jesus. I want what He has to offer. I want forgiveness. I want His blessings. I want a home in Heaven. But do we want all these things enough to commit our lives to Him?
- **READ SCRIPTURE**
- **There are some things worthwhile to be committed to in this life. Let's take a look at a few of them tonight.**

I. Be Committed To God

- **Mk. 12:30 - "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."**
- **Matt. 6:33 - "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."**
- a. **Real commitment is not conditional.**
 - i. Real commitment is not a Sunday thing, its 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, with no vacations or off days. You are the same person on Monday through Saturday as you are on Sunday.
- b. **Real commitment is seen by others.**
 - i. If we are really committed to God, It will show. Others will see the fruits of your commitment.

- ii. Let me also say in the same token, if we are not committed, it shows just as much.
 - 1. I don't have to look at an attendance sheet or a tithing statement to tell you who is committed to this ministry. Do you know why? It shows in your life.
- c. **Dr. M.R. DeHaan – “To come to Christ costs nothing; to follow Christ costs something; but to serve (commit to) Christ will cost you everything.”**

II. Be Committed to family

- a. **Be committed to your vows.**
 - i. **If it is true that close to 50% of marriages today will end in divorce, what is the driving force behind this terrible trend? Answer ... a lack of commitment.**
 - ii. **There is of course a difference between a decision to be married and a commitment to be married.**
 - 1. Unfortunately many couples today, even inside the church, made a decision to get married, but they never made a commitment.
 - 2. When people get married today, they go into it with the idea, “I hope it works out, but if it doesn't, we'll get a divorce.”
 - 3. They stand before a preacher and made promises and recited vows. They made a decision, they kissed each other and walk down the aisle as husband & wife, not as death shall part them, but until they are no longer happy.
 - iii. **So why did they divorce? The answer is that they made a decision, but they did not truly commit their lives to each other. But when a couple marries and makes a commitment to one another that is a different story.**
- b. **Be committed to your children.**
 - i. **Children see no commitment to family from their parents.**
 - ii. **Certainly this means loving for them & caring for them.**
 - iii. **The Bible defines the way a family should be. (Col. 3:18-20), 18) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**
 - 1. A husband has no problem loving a submissive wife.
 - 2. A wife has no problem being submissive to a loving husband.
 - 3. Children will love and honor parents who love them and teach them according to the Bible.