



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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### Growing in Our Commitment

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#### 7 Important Factors to Grow in Our Commitment

##### 1. Fidelity

- The best illustration of fidelity is the covenantal love of God to humanity (Jer. 30:22).
- Be thankful for God's faithfulness by being faithful to God's commandments.
- Marriage is the best picture of this covenantal love in the context of relationship. The man and wife promise to be faithful everyday.
- Fidelity is a virtue of being single-hearted.
- A faithful person is true to his word and fulfills his promise with responsibility and accountability.

##### 2. Love

- Love is our identity and image as a person.
- Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself (Lk. 10:27).
- Love is the core of God's commandments.
- Jesus explained the meaning of love through the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Loving attention for people around us springs from a decision to love them in a special manner. It inspires us effectively to seek the good of others.
- Those who truly love see God in others.

##### 3. Hospitality

- Being faithful in our service is hospitality. Giving the best service is good but we must not forget to spend time with the Lord in prayer.
- Our service as an expression of our hospitality only becomes meaningful when it is founded on a loving relationship with God and others.
- Hospitality is passion not only for people but also for God.

##### 4. Prayer

- Jesus taught us to pray and call God, "Abba Father."
- "Abba" is the powerhouse in Jesus' ministry.
- This "Abba" experience is the only fuel that will ignite the fire of passion in our ministry.
- Calling God "Father" tells us that God is personal and close to us.

##### 5. Friendship

- Jesus calls us His friends (Jn. 15:15).
- Until now He is renewing His friendship with us.
- Our friendship with God starts from a personal and renewed encounter with Him.
- Our friendship with Him liberates us and we become true to our identity.

##### 6. Conversion

- Repent and believe the good news (Mk. 1:14)!
- The first prerequisite of Jesus before we come to fulfill our commitment is conversion.

##### 7. Beatitude

- The first beatitude (spoken by Elizabeth to Mary): "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" (Lk. 1:45)
- In Lk. 11:28, Jesus emphasized that the basis of one's beatitude is attentiveness to God's Word and living the Word.
- Mary was the first woman who heard and observed the Word.
- If you want to be blessed and happy in this life, take the attitude of Mary and the meaning of the first beatitude. This is the key to happiness.

These 7 are the most important elements that will help us to grow in our commitment.

*"Without commitment, we cannot have depth in anything. We will not grow whether it's a relationship, a business, or a hobby."* – Neil Strauss

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