



A Call to Commitment

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COMMITMENT is defined as an agreement or a pledge; a state of being obligated. It symbolizes accountability, integrity, and discipline. True commitment is not something that we can take back. In Romans 12:1-2, the Apostle Paul issues a clear call for commitment. He says that the motivation is to remember the mercies of God. When we reflect on the goodness of God, we will feel compelled to commit ourselves to God. This means that we will yield ourselves to Him, surrender to Him, entrust ourselves to Him, and place ourselves at His disposal.

1. **Decision vs Commitment.** There is a world of difference between a commitment and a decision. Decisions can be made carefully, but in the end, it is just a conclusion reached after a deliberation. For instance, a couple makes a decision to get married, stands before a preacher, recites their vows, but may not truly commit their lives to each other. The same is true in the church and/or ministry. Many of the members have made the decision about Christ but have not made the commitment to Christ.

2. **There are three (3) calls to commitment that every believer has to make.** This is based on the supposition that we made more than a decision about Christ, and that we have already made our personal commitment to Him.

2.1. Commitment to Personal Growth. We are called to commit ourselves as disciples. Disciples are learners and should make a commitment to continue to grow spiritually. We should never reach a point in life at which we are no longer learners (Phil 3:11-12). Without our commitment to learning, the ministry/church will not grow in Christ.

2.2 Commitment to the Local Body/Church. The local church is the first level of our commitment outside of our personal relationship with the Lord. This demands loyalty. We need to commit ourselves to responsible membership. The member who “forsakes the assembling together” (Hebrews 10:25) forfeits the power of a corporate identity. Thus, we need to be involved!

2.3 Commitment to a Ministry. Our commitment to a church means we are actively utilizing our talents and gifts according to the grace that God has given us (Romans 12:6). Ministry means putting those gifts to work. We must commit ourselves to the ministry and use the spiritual gifts that God has given us.

Conclusion:

God wants us to make the right commitments in life, and He sent His Son, Jesus, on a great search for people who will make an unswerving commitment to follow Him.

Reflection:

1. How are you doing with your ministry today? How are you using the gifts that God has given you?
2. How will you elevate your decision of being a follower of Christ to another level of commitment to your personal growth, to your church or ministry?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we humbly ask you to check our commitment to you. Please help us to make not only a decision to follow You, but to make a total commitment to grow spiritually, to get involved and to use the gifts you have given us for the benefits of others. In Jesus’ name we pray – Amen.

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