

BUILDING A LIFE OF COMMITMENT

“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

1. The _____ of commitment My commitments

... show my _____

... shape my _____

... determine my _____

2. There is a _____ to commitment

“If you want to be My followers you must love Me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26 (NLT)

How Do I Put God First?

I give God...

•The first _____ of every _____.

“Lord, every morning you hear my voice. Every morning, I tell you what I need and I wait for your answer.” Psalm 5:3 (NCV)

•The first _____ of every _____.

“On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers....” Acts 20:7 (NLT)

•The first _____ of every _____.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income.” Proverbs 3:9 (GWT)

“Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship ... Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 14:23 (NLT)

“On the first day of every week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned...” 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NLT)

•The first _____ in every _____.

“Remember the Lord in everything you do. And He will give you success.” Proverbs 3:6 (ICB)

3. There are some _____ to commitment.

A. We get _____.

“But all too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God’s message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced.”

Mark 4:19 (TLB)

B. We become _____.

“Don’t be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord.” Romans 12:11 (GWT)

4. There is a _____ for total commitment.

“Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat... or drink... or wear’ ... your heavenly Father knows that you need these. But seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)

“The Master will say, ‘Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things – I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!’” Matthew 25:23 (NIV)

“The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)

“Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So, use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.” Romans 6:13b (NLT)