

23rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, October 27, 2024
“The 12 Keys to Spiritual Maturity ~ Key #8: Fully Committed”
Romans 12:1-8

Commitment to Christ isn't something that should be taken _____, but rather recognizes the radical change that Jesus brings to a believer's life and the level of submission and _____ that's required to give Him rightful place in one's life as Lord of all; a commitment that's willing to _____ it all down for Him.

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?” (Matthew 16:24-26)

Jesus' words here speak to not only the kind of commitment that He requires, but also the _____ of that commitment, and the importance of prioritizing _____ overly worldly pursuits.

Our commitments _____ our lives because of the amount of time and energy we put into them.

“I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Of all the commitments that we'll make in our life, our primary and most important commitment is to _____. In fact, this is such an important commitment that Paul likens it to a _____.

This is about so much more than just Sunday worship or daily devotions; it's about more than just mere _____ or involvement. God wants it _____.

Full commitment is important because it's the only right _____ to God's display of grace towards us—Paul calls this our “reasonable service.”

Because of everything that God has done for us in Christ, and the immeasurable blessings that we have in Him, our only _____ response is to give our _____ to Him—to the One who gave His life for us.

“...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 6:13)

The second reason to commit ourselves fully to God is because God is looking for people He can use, people who will make a _____ in the world through His Spirit, people who are committed to Him

“The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)

4 ELEMENTS OF BEING FULLY COMMITTED

#1. Commitment to: _____.
Acknowledging Jesus as Lord, and committing ourselves to Him is fundamental and _____—it all starts here. In order to _____ Jesus, we have to be committed to Him.

Who am I going to _____ for? Getting this question wrong, has _____ implications. We all live for the _____ of someone.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Paul tells us commitment to Jesus is twofold: _____ that He died for our sins and was raised from the dead, and _____ that He is Lord.

However, every commitment has a _____ and a _____, and it's important to weigh both before committing ourselves. Committing ourselves to Jesus costs us our _____—we give it Jesus and we allow Him to have control and to call the shots. The benefit of this is _____ of life: forgiveness for the _____, power and strength in the _____, hope for eternity with God in the _____.

It's important to remember that Jesus doesn't _____ us to believe in or Him or to confess Him. It's our _____.

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” (Revelation 3:20)

Full commitment starts when we let Jesus _____; it's the foundation on which everything else is _____.

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

How will you respond? Are you fully committed?

#2. Commitment to: _____.

“God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.” (1 Peter 1:3)

God doesn’t expect us to go through life without _____. He never meant for us to handle the problems of life on our own. We were made to be together and created for _____; and God wants us to know the support, encouragement, and strength of fellow _____.

“Let us not neglect meeting together, as people do, but encourage one another...” (Hebrews 10:25)

Without a church family—without a spiritual home—we become spiritual _____, left to fend for ourselves. And it’s easier to succumb to the _____ and pressures of the world, the flesh, and the devil when we try to live our faith on our own.

To be a Christian involves more than just believing, it involves _____. Being a member of God’s family provides a place for us to share and _____ our joys and to find comfort, strength, and hope in our sorrow. Being a part of God’s family provides opportunities for us to give and receive, to share our gifts, to minister and to be _____ to.

“Be devoted to one another.” (Romans 12:10)

**How devoted are you to this church family?
Are you fully committed?**

#3. Commitment to: _____.

The moment we accept Jesus, we begin a process of _____, in which the Holy spirit molds us into His likeness. Why? Because God wants us to represent Him to the world as His _____.

“Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Philippians 1:27)

To be a Christian literally means to be a _____, And as we grow in faith, God wants us to learn to think the way Jesus thought and act the way He acted. God wants us to learn to make _____ the way Jesus made decisions, to treat people the way Jesus treated people, and to love as Jesus loved. In other words, our attitudes and actions, our belief and behaviour, our heart and mind, needs to be _____ with Christ’s.

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:5)

“But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

God wants us to grow up and be like Jesus, not just in Church on Sunday morning, but everyday and in every _____ of our life.

It’s a _____ process of partnering with the Holy Spirit and letting Him do the work of sanctification that He wants to do within us. Being gully committed means making this process a _____ in our lives.

“So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding.” (Hebrews 6:1)

“Commit yourself to instruction; listen carefully to words of knowledge.” (Proverbs 23:12)

**How committed are you to this process of growth and maturity in your life?
Are you fully committed?**

#4. Commitment to: _____.

God put us on this earth for a _____, and He’s given us gifts, talents and abilities to help make the world a _____ place; to share in this transformation.

“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.” (Romans 12:4-6)

Whenever we use our gifts, talents, and abilities—whatever God has given us—to help others, without thought of reward or remuneration, we’re _____.

“God has given each of you some special abilities. Be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.” (1 Peter 4:10)

If we’re going to be fully committed, we need to _____ like Jesus served, and we need to use everything that God gave us to do that.

“Your attitude must be like Mine, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28)

What gifts, talents and abilities has God given you?

How well do you serve?

Are you fully committed?

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**Have I spoken my ‘yes’ to Jesus? Do I need to speak it again?
Am I fully committed to Jesus—or am I content to sit and watch?**