

"Building A Life of COMMITMENT!"

Sermon Series: Building A Great Life!

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I. The POWER of Commitment (3 Affects)

"My Commitment's...."

1.Show my values" (John 3:16)
2.Shape my life"
3.Determine my destiny"

*"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?
Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? "*

-Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

FACT: Every choice has a consequence! (Positive or Negative.)

II. The PRICE of Commitment

Jesus said, "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 you own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple."

-Luke 14:26

-A KEY QUESTION-

IF Jesus is not Lord of all in your life...is He really Lord at all in your life?

"But seek first, His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

-Matthew 6:33

4 Practical Ways To Seek God First In Your Life?

1. Give God the **FIRST THOUGHTS** of each day.

"Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You."

-Psalm 5:3

2. Give God the **FIRST DAY** of every week.

"On the first day of the week, the disciples came together."

-Acts 20:7

"This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

-Psalm 118:24

3. Give God the **FIRST TEN PERCENT** of every increase.

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income."

-Proverbs 3:9

WHY? (Three Reasons)

- 1. Gratitude** for the past
- 2. Priorities** in the present
- 3. Faith** for the future

"The purpose of the tithe is to teach us to put God first in every area of our lives."

-Deuteronomy 14:23 (TEV)

4. Give God **FIRST CONSIDERATION** in every decision.

"In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

-Proverbs 3:5-6

III. Some PITFALLS to Commitment

1. We get **DISTRACTED**.

"The attractions of this world, the delights of wealth, the search for success and the lure of nice things come in and crowd out God."

-Mark 4:19

2. We become **COMPLACENT**.

"Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy in serving the Lord"

-Romans 14:12

IV. The **PAYOFF** for Commitment to Christ

1. Short Term Benefit.....

... "NO WORRY" -Matthew 6:31-33

2. Long Term Benefit...

AFFIRMATION-

-PROMOTION

-CELEBRATION

"The master will say, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in Your Master's happiness.'"

-Matthew 25:21

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"...give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes."

-Romans 6:13 (TLB)