

## Commitment Part 2!

*KJV Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and He shall bring it to pass (God will do it).*

Commit here is the Hebrew word that means “to roll ourselves upon The LORD placing the full weight of our entire lives in His hand.”

**It’s a metaphor for a camel lying down while a load is laid on it!**

**Commitment is to obligate oneself to a thing; it’s dedicating oneself to a cause uniting with it!**

- Our commitment to God binds Him to us forever!
- Our commitment to God activates His power in our lives!
- Commitment gives God the legal right to act on our behalf!

When we **commit** to The LORD He is **commissioned** (given the authority and responsibility) to act on our behalf!

The more we have going on in our lives, the more we need God involved!

For example a non-commissioned officer is **in charge** of things; while a commissioned officer has **command** of things.

**Being in command is having control, being in charge is watching over!**

A baby sitter is left in charge but the parents have command—this is why children who understand will quickly tell the sitter—you aren’t my Daddy!

**When we gave our lives to Christ He didn’t become our sitter! He’s not just watching over us, He’s our Heavenly Father and has total command over our lives.**

**All commitment is not equal!** The problem comes when we fail to see the weight of the relationships we enter into and treat them all with the same level of commitment.

**Not everyone is commissioned to act or respond to certain issues in your life!**

Children can’t watch over themselves or take command over their lives.

As Pastor Deborah was saying healthy families have parents who not only watch over the children but are committed to helping them succeed.

*NIV 1 Timothy 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

Paul had left Timothy in Ephesus to pastor the church: Paul intended to return shortly but if he didn't he expected Timothy to remind the people they were a part of God's household.

The Hebrew word is "*bayith*" it means **enclosure and shelter as a dwelling place** provided by the father.

When we joined God in Christ Jesus by faith we made a commitment to be a part of God's family His Household and live under His rules!

There are certain things that God doesn't want going on in His House!

***Luke 19:46... My house shall be a house of prayer...!***

Jesus became not just Savior but **LORD and Master!** **We can't blow off or make light of our commitment to Christ!**

What we have joined by faith is not McDonald's; it's not Corporate America or The Screen Actors Guild. **It's The Body of Christ!**

- If you don't show up to McDonald's maybe a few burgers aren't sold!
- If you don't show up to your corporate job maybe productivity will suffer and market share decline.

But if we **don't show up** in The Kingdom of God it has profound implications!

If we **don't** keep our commitments to God and His Kingdom—it has far reaching effects.

It affects McDonald's, corporate America and the entire world!

- Commitment demands our best and our all!

**David says in** <sup>NIV</sup> **Psalm 69:9-11** *the zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.*

**10** *When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn;*

**11** *when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.*

David said people made fun of his commitment to God; his own family wondered why he was **sold-out** for God!

When he fasted, prayed and wept over the sins of his people they laughed at him, talked about him and called him names.

David said **passion, and a deep desire for ALL God is and has** for him has consumed him!

He's obsessed with God, His people and His Kingdom and to the average person David's commitment is too much for them!

The disciples said the same thing about Jesus when they thought He came out of character and went through the Temple turning over tables and hitting people with a whip! (**John chp 2**)

Jesus was saying...*man this aint no ordinary building; this is the house of God! How dare you come in here and treat it like that!*

*Our commitment level to The House of God should go way beyond anything else in our lives!*

**Commitment takes sacrifice!** When Abraham committed his life to God he left everything to follow God!

And Abraham's commitment paid off:

**Genesis 18:19** *For I know him, that he will **command his children and his household** after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 15:19** *Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.*

**Standing before God is serving under the anointing with favor!**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Proverbs 16:3** *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*

Often our plans don't succeed because we have other commitments, but God says if we **dedicate** our lives to serving Him He'll make all our plans succeed.

God wants to make us a success, but He will only do it if we first commit to making His Kingdom a success.