

Pastor Karl "Imagine... a Life of Commitment" 11-04-07

Big Idea: Our Commitments Shape Our Life

Jesus said, "Throw your lot in with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God's works." John6:29theMessage

"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." 2chronicles16/9

Reasons For Commitment

Shows My Values matthew6/24

Shapes My Life proverbs4/23

Sets My Destiny mark8/36

Recognition Of Commitment

Giving God the first Thought of each day

"Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You..." psalm5/31b *note also the example of Manna in Exodus16

Giving God the first Day of each week

"On the first day of the week, we gathered to observe the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching..." acts20/7nlt

Giving God the first Consideration in every decision

"In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." proverbs3/5>61b

"Lord, what would You have me do?"

Roadblocks To Commitment

We become Distracted

"The attractions of this world, the delights of wealth, the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God." mark4/191b

We become Lazy

"Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord." romans12/11gwt

We become Fearful

"I do believe; help my unbelief." mark9/24nkjv

Rewards Because Of Commitment

My Needs Will Be Met

"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."

matthew6/31>33

My Authority Will Be Increased

"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!' matthew25/23

My Life Will Be Forever Supported

"O Master... You never waver in your covenant commitment, never give up on those who love you and do what you say."

daniel9/4theMessage

"Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart regulates the hands." 2corinthians8:12theMessage

"So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it." philippians3/15>16theMessage