

THE FAITH TO COMMIT
2 Chronicles 16:9
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"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." 2 Chr. 16:9

I. THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

My commitments

- ... show my values (Mt. 6:24)
- ... shape my life (Pr. 4:23)
- ... determine my destiny (Mk. 8:36)

II. THE PRICE OF COMMITMENT

"If you want to be My follower 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." Lk. 14:26

I GIVE CHRIST...

*** THE FIRST THOUGHT OF EACH DAY.**

"Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You..." Ps. 5:3

*** THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK.**

"On the first day of the week, the disciples came together..." 1 Cor. 16:2

*** THE FIRST TEN PERCENT OF EVERY PAYCHECK.**

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income." Pr. 3:9

*** THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN EVERY DECISION.**

"In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Pr. 3:5-6

III. THE PITFALLS OF COMMITMENT

1. WE GET 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." Mark 4:19

2. WE BECOME COMPLACENT

"Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord." Rom. 12:11

IV. THE PAYOFF FOR TOTAL COMMITMENT

1. I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE

2. God affirms me God's say's, "Well done"
3. God promotes me God gives me more responsibility!
4. God celebrates God shares His happiness!

"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." Matt. 6:31-33

"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!" Matt. 25:23

"Give yourselves completely to God -- every part of you... you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purposes." Rom. 6:13b