

Are You Committed?

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Everyone Has Something That Needs ATTENTION

Nehemiah 1:3, *They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”*

We Need To Make COMMITMENTS:

→ Commitments Are BIBLICAL

Joshua 24:14, *“Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

1 Kings 8:61, *May your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, as at this time.*

Matthew 22:34, *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

→ Commitments Are SANCTIFYING

John 15:4, *Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.*

o **Commitments Help Us Grow In: DEVOTION**

Luke 16:3, *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

o **Commitments Help Us Grow In: CHARACTER**

2 Timothy 2:15, *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of Truth.*

o **Commitments Help Us Grow In: FAITH**

Proverbs 16:3, *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.*

- Not a bargaining chip

→ **Commitments To God Are BLESSED BY GOD**

Matthew 16:24, *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”*

Four Commitments For Rebuilding Your Life:

1) **Commit To Worship** - Text “**SERIES**” To **77978**

Nehemiah 12:27, *At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.*

2) **Commit To Read God’s Word**- Text “**FORTY**” To **77978**

Nehemiah 9:3, *They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.*

3) **Commit To A Group**- Text “**SATURDAY**” To **77978**

Nehemiah 3:1, *Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate... 2 The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them. 3 The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah.*

4) **Commit To Serve**- Text "**SERVE**" To **77978**

Nehemiah 6:15, *So the wall was completed... in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*