

Building A Great Life Through Godly Commitments!

Building A Great Life, Pt.3

Matthew 16:24-27

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Matthew 16:24, *Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. ²⁶What 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? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father’s glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done.*

The Power Of Our Commitments:

- My Commitments Show What I **VALUE**
- My Commitments Shape My **LIFE**
- My Commitments Determine My **DESTINY**

Three Practical Thoughts On Every Commitment You Make:

1. Give God The First Thought Of **EACH DAY**
Psalms 5:3, *In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly.*
2. Give God The First Day Of The **WEEK**
Acts 20:7, *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and... kept on talking until midnight.*
3. Give God The First Consideration In Every **DECISION**

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

The Positive Payoff Of Godly Commitments:

- **Here And Now: I Will Fulfill My Purpose In LIFE**
Acts 13:36, *“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep.”*
- **Ultimately: I Will Be Rewarded By GOD**
Matthew 25:23, *“His master replied, ‘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!’”*

Pitfalls Of Every Commitment:

- We Can Become **DISTRACTED**
Matthew 14:30, *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink...*
- We Can Become Disheartened By Previous **FAILURES**
John 21:17, *... Jesus said, “Feed My sheep.”*

Chapel Generosity Commitment Sunday:

2 Chronicles 24:8, *At the king’s command, a chest was made and placed outside, at the gate of the temple of the LORD... ¹⁰All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full. ¹¹Whenever the chest was brought in by the Levites to the king’s officials and they saw that there was a large amount of money, the royal secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and carry it back to its place. They did this regularly and collected a great amount of money.*