

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:19)

Do I Really Believe? — Commitment

What is Commitment?

Text: Proverbs 16:3

Key Text: *Proverbs 16:3, “Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.”*

Introduction:

- 1) The theme for the day is commitment
 - 2) What is commitment and why do many people see it differently?
 - 3) What do we know?
 - a) God demands commitment (Matthew 16:24).
 - b) The Bible speaks extensively of it.
 - 4) Hopefully, this lesson will be a real challenge for each of us.
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- I. Commitment is not announcing a belief.
 - A. “I am a Christian.”
 - B. The belief that we announce could very well be a true belief.
 - C. The announcement of our belief needs to be made (Acts 8:37).
 - D. James 1:22.

- E. Commitment requires action.
 - 1. James 2:18.
 - 2. Luke 6:46.

- II. Commitment is not donating to a cause.
 - A. Many, many people treat the church in this fashion.
 - B. God has more requirements.
 - 1. Matthew 25:31-46.
 - 2. Matthew 28:18-20.
 - C. The action must reflect the heart (Matthew 15:8).
 - D. Commitment requires follow-through.
 - E. Donating (giving) is part of it (Matthew 25:14-30).

- III. Commitment is doing what God says regardless of the consequences.
 - A. 2Corinthians 5:7.
 - B. Matthew 16:24.
 - C. Matthew 8:18-22.
 - D. Proverbs 3:5-6.
 - E. Romans 8:28.

Conclusion:

- 1) Commitment is not easy.
- 2) Commitment is necessary.
- 3) Commitment is...
 - a) Belief.
 - b) Giving.
 - c) A way of life.