



Focus on Commitment Discipline

Introduction:

- Jesus spent 30 years preparing for a three year ministry.
How can we spend one hour preparing for a week?
- Christianity is more than a ‘*Sunday-Religion.*’
- Every person knows how to work hard in life—they may not know what they are supposed to work hard doing.
- Satan is good at what he does.

I. 2Timothy 4:13.

A. **If an inspired apostle had to study, then how much more will we have to study?**

B. The closer we get to God, the further we get from Satan.

C. We need to *know* what is going on in the brotherhood.

D. **Energy must be re-focused:**

1) **Ephesians 4:17-24.**

2) **Colossians 3:1-11.**

3) **Hebrews 12:1-2.**



II. Matthew 18.

A. Quality of **HUMILITY** (Vs. 1-4).

- B. Quality of **RESPONSIBILITY** (Vs. 5-7).
- C. Quality of **RENOUNCIATION** (Vs. 8-10).
- D. Quality of **INDIVIDUAL CARE** (Vs. 11-14).
- E. Quality of **DISCIPLINE**:
 - 1) Go to the person alone (Vs. 15)
 - 2) Take one or two witnesses with you (Vs. 16).
 - 3) Take it to the whole group (Vs. 17a).
 - 4) Treat them like a heathen (separate yourself from them) (Vs. 17b).
- F. Quality of **FELLOWSHIP** (Vs. 19-20).
- G. Quality of **FORGIVENESS** (Vs. 21).



III. 2Timothy 2:15 — James 1:22.

- A. **STUDY**—be diligent.
- B. Joseph Stalin *knew* the gospel accounts.
- C. It takes more than knowing to please God.
- D. **APPLICATION** will save us—Ephesians 2:8.

Conclusion:

- ✓ We must know the word to live the word.
- ✓ We are here to help each other.
- ✓ Acting will only make us a good actor.
- ✓ God wants us to genuinely follow Him
- ✓ We all know people who need to hear this message.

