

commitment

- The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
- Synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity.
- The most important commitment of all?
 - The one we make to the Lord!
 - Joshua 24:19-24, 31.

Illustrated by Jesus in Two Parables

- The parable of a man building a tower (Luke 14:28-30).
- The parable of a king going to war (Luke 14:31-33).
- Luke 14:25-35 (for the fuller context).

Resolutions

- I WILL count the cost, because with God's help, I intend to finish what I start. When the battle is done, I will still be standing with the Lord.
 - I WILL endure to the end!
 - "We are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul" (Hebrews 10:39).

Resolutions

- I WILL put my loyalty to Jesus above anyone or anything, including my own life.
 - “The life which I **now live** in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Resolutions

- When what I want to do interferes with what Jesus wants me to do, I will choose Jesus.
 - I will choose the Spirit over the flesh.
 - “He died for all, that those who live should live **no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Resolutions

- If a conflict should arise between Jesus and someone in my family, I WILL choose Jesus.
 - “He who loves father or mother...son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Matt. 10:37).
 - The same goes for my friends. If they’re pulling me away from Him, I will have to leave them behind.

Resolutions

- If a conflict should arise between Jesus and my job, I WILL choose Jesus.
 - If it keeps me from raising my children properly (Ephesians 6:4), I will get another one.
 - If it keeps me from attending services (Heb. 10:25), or interferes with my obligation to the local church (Eph. 4:16), I will get another one.

Resolutions

- If my service to Jesus should ever threaten my life, I will lay down my life for Him.
 - “For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 21:13).

Resolutions

- Whatever Jesus requires of my time, my money, my possessions, etc., I will gladly give it to Him.
 - “They first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God” (2 Corinthians 8:5).
 - I will give up things I like to do to study, teach, visit, etc. The obligations I have to Him and to His people will always come first.

Resolutions

- The teaching I received in the past, that which was contrary to Jesus, I will never go back to it. I will follow the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
 - I will NOT turn from the truth to a “different gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

Resolutions

- Wherever His truth directs, I will follow. Whatever Jesus says about my dress, my speech, my attitudes, that's what I intend to do (and be).
 - I will "follow the Lamb wherever He goes" (Revelation 14:4).
 - I intend to bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Resolutions

- I will never turn my back on Jesus, for any reason—ridicule or persecution from the world, personal heartache, mistreatment from my brethren, etc.
 - “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have **committed** to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

“I’ll Never Forsake My Lord”

“Though my cross may be hard to bear, though my life may be filled with care; though misfortune be mine to share, I’ll never forsake my Lord. I’ll never forsake the Savior, He has never forsaken me!

‘Neath His sheltering arm I am safe from all harm,
I’ll never forsake my Lord.”