

# Are You Committed to Jesus?

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Everyday, our lives and daily schedules are consumed by commitments. Commitments such as our jobs, spouses, children, upkeep of our homes, athletics, and the list continues to grow as we become busier. Have we ever taken the time to slow down and analyze just what all our commitments are? Do our commitments distract us and keep us from what is really important like worshiping on Sunday, and attending Wednesday evening Bible study? Are we really committed to Jesus the way we should be?

Matthew 4:18-22 demonstrates the commitment that ordinary men had for Jesus. While walking by the Sea of Galilee, two brothers, Simon and Andrew, were casting their nets into the sea. Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Both men immediately threw their nets into the water and followed Him. Two other brothers, James and John, were mending nets with their father when Jesus called them and immediately they left and followed Him. These men left their families, their businesses, the lives they knew, for a chance to follow the Messiah. Then we have the example of those in a Samaritan village not as eager to commit to the Lord. Before they could follow Him, they first needed to tend to burying the dead, and saying farewell to their loved ones (Luke 9:59-62). Which is the better example of commitment?

Jesus says in John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." He continues in John 14:21 "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them,

he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Christ shows His long lasting love, and will never depart from us if we commit to a life of love, service, faith and trust in Him. We must serve Him and separate ourselves from the temptations of the world.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with having responsibilities and obligations in life, and being committed to them shows our dedication and loyalty. It's when those commitments become our priorities, and hinder us from committing fully to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us never fall into that trap where our everyday lives take away from the One whose blood was shed for us. God does not promise us that a life of commitment to Him will always be an easy journey, but He does promise an eternal reward for our faithfulness and service to Him. How sweet it will be when one day we stand before Him, and hear the words "Well done, good and faithful servant..... enter into the joy of your master." Matt 25:23

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