

# Burn Your Oxen

(1 Kings 19:19-21)

- Introduction:
1. The phrase “total commitment” received a black eye several years ago by some practices by some brethren who were calling people to “total commitment.”
  2. While their controlling practices need to be discarded, the idea of total commitment needs to be embraced.
  3. Our commitment to Christ must run deep because there are just too many stresses, trials, disappointments, and hurts in this life, and without total commitment, we’ll just walk away when things get too difficult.
  5. This lesson is intended to motivate us to develop a deeper commitment to Christ.

## I. The Lord Demands Total Commitment

- A. (1 Kings 19:19-21).
- B. (Matthew 6:33).
- C. (Matthew 10:34-38).

## II. Truths To Remember About Total Commitment

- A. We Should Expect Adversity.
  1. (2 Timothy 3:12).
  2. (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).
  3. There is just too much wickedness outside us, among us, and even in us to expect anything less.
  4. Some are committed to being in the church of Christ but only to the extent that they fairly frequently get their way.
  5. Adversity, viewed properly, can even be embraced (1 Peter 4:12-14; James 1:2).
- B. God Knows the Difference.
  1. (Revelation 3:1; 14-19).
  2. (1 Kings 11:6).
  3. (2 Chronicles 25:2).
- C. Remember Who You’re Serving.
  1. Your service is done for God, not parents, spouses, elders, etc.
  2. This will help secure your continued obedience.
  3. (Colossians 3:23).
- D. Be Willing to Die for Each Other.
  1. (Matthew 10:39).
  2. (Galatians 2:21).

- Conclusion:
1. The rewards of total commitment make any sacrifices you must make well worth it.
  2. Rise above mediocrity, and follow the Lord with you whole heart.