

How Deep Is Your Commitment?

(Matthew 8:18-22)

- Introduction:
1. The phrase “total commitment” received a black eye several years ago by some cultic practices by some brethren who were calling people to total commitment.
 2. While the controlling, cultic practices of some who were calling for total commitment needed to be discarded, their plea for total commitment needs to be embraced.
 3. Our commitment to Christ must run deep because there are too many stresses, trials, disappointments, and hurts in this life.
 4. 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. Christ Does Demand Total Commitment

- A. (Matthew 6:33).
- B. (Matthew 8:18-22).
- B. (Matthew 10:34-38).

II. Keys To Total Commitment

- A. 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. Remember Who You Are Trying To Please.
 1. Are you working to please self, elders, parents, spouse...or God?
- C. Die For Each Other.
 1. (Matthew 10:38-39).
 2. (Galatians 2:21).
 3. Somebody sometimes has to die because the enemy is too strong.

- Conclusion:
1. The rewards of total commitment make any and every sacrifice well worth it.
 2. (Matthew 5:10-12).
 3. Rise up and meet the challenge of deepening your commitment to Christ. It’s a decision you’ll never regret.