

## BUILDING A LIFE OF COMMITMENT

*"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."  
2 Chr. 16:9 (NIV)*

### I. THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

#### My commitments

1. show my values  
(Mt. 6:24)

*"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other..."*

2. shape my life (Pr. 4:23 GNT)  
*Be careful how you think, your life is shaped by your thoughts.*

3. determine my destiny (Mk. 8:36)  
*And how does a man benefit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul in the process?*

*...what can a man give in exchange for his soul?  
Mark 8:37 (NIV)*

### II. THE PRICE OF COMMITMENT

*"If you want to be My follower you must love Me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters -- yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26 (NLT)*

#### I GIVE CHRIST...

1. THE FIRST thoughts OF EACH DAY.

*"Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You..." Ps. 5:3 (LB)*

2. THE FIRST day OF EVERY WEEK.

*"On the first day of the week, the disciples came together..."  
Acts 20:7*



3. THE FIRST 10% OF EVERY PAYCHECK.  
*"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income."  
Pr. 3:9 (LB)*

*"...The purpose of tithing is to teach us to put God first in every area of our lives." Deut 14:23 (TLB)*

(Jesus says) *...You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. Matt 23:23 (NLT)*

4. THE FIRST considerations IN EVERY DECISION.

*"In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Pr. 3:5-6 (LB)*

### III. THE PITFALLS OF COMMITMENT

1. WE GET distracted

*"The attractions of this world, the delights of wealth, the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God." Mark 4:19 (LB)*



2. WE BECOME complacent

*Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.  
Rom 12:11 (NLT)*

### IV. THE PAYOFF FOR TOTAL COMMITMENT



*"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat... or drink... or wear?' ... your heavenly Father knows that you need these. But seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt. 6:31-33 (NIV)*

*"The Master will say, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things -- I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!"  
Matt. 25:23 (NIV)*

*"Give yourselves completely to God -- every part of you..."  
Rom 6:13b (TLB)*