

## **LIFE AT ITS BEST: LIFE OF COMMITMENT**

Introduction:

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

### **THE POWER OF COMMITMENT - THREE EFFECTS**

1. My commitment shows my \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) "You cannot serve both God and money."

- The uncommitted life is pure \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My commitment shapes my \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 4:23 (LB) "Guard your affections. They influence everything else in your life."

3. My commitment determines my \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 8:36 (NIV) "For what good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

- If Jesus is not Lord \_\_\_ all in your life, He's not Lord \_\_\_\_\_ all in your life.

### **THE PRICE OF COMMITMENT - THREE WAYS**

**1. GIVE GOD THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ OF EACH DAY.**

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

**2. GIVE GOD THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ OF EVERY WEEK.**

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

**3. GIVE GOD THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ OF EVERY PAYCHECK.**

Proverbs 3:9 (LB) "Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income."

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

### **THE PITFALLS TO COMMITMENT - TWO THINGS**

**1. WE GET \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

## 2. WE BECOME \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 12:11 (TEV) “Don’t be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord.”

### CONCLUSION: **THE PAY OFF OF COMMITMENT**

Romans 6:13 (LB) “Give yourselves completely to God-every part of you...you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purposes.”

My commitment to:

- Worship every week
- Attend a Bible Class/Read God’s Word
- Serve in a ministry
- Share Jesus daily
- Support the church with my offerings/tithes.