



#5 TOTAL COMMITMENT

No Reserves | No Retreats | No Regrets

TOTAL COMMITMENT VERSES

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”

Philippians 3:7 (NIV) But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Revelation 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

TOTAL COMMITMENT STORIES

Stephen, the first Christian martyr...

Polycarp...

The Thundering Legion...

Perpetua...

John Hus...

The Reformers...

Dietrich Bonhoeffer...

The 21 Martyrs in Libya...

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED

I’m part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast, I have stepped over the line, the decision has been made—I’m a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame vision, worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity.

I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I won’t give up, shut up, let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up for the cause of Jesus Christ.

I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till everyone knows, and work till He stops me.

And when He comes for His own, He will have no trouble recognizing me because my colors will be clear.

HOLY HABITS

- Daily Quiet Time in Bible Reading and Prayer
- Weekly Connection Time with a Small Group Family
- Gladly Serving on a New Life Ministry Team
- Moment-by-Moment Yielding Control to the Holy Spirit
- Linking Up with a Spiritual Partner
- Going on a Short-Term Missions Trip

LET’S DO THIS TOGETHER!

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