

Commitment

- 'Motivation is what gets you started. Commitment is what keeps you going.'
- 'Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you.'
- 'Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work'

- Many drift along in life without spiritual goals.
- Others know that commitment is necessary, but don't know what it is.

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God – **Romans 10.**

Ep.5:22-33

- 32: Paul uses husband-wife relationship to illustrate Christ and the church



- Our focus:
 - 1** Commitment to God
 - 2** Commitment to spouse

I. Commitment Is Not . . .

Aimless – without goal or purpose

- Positive: Bible study; evangelism...
- Negative:
 - 'I hope to overcome all my weaknesses'
- Attitude:
 - Lk.9:57-62.
 - Lk.14:26.



Marriage:
1 Co.7:32-33
Ep.5:27, 28-29

Aimless – without goal or purpose

Half-hearted – 1 K.18:21

- Spiritual cripples; limp between two different opinions; paralyzed by indecision.
 - Ga.2:19-20, not Jew or Gentile
 - Mt.25:14-30, convenience, not conviction

Marriage:
Want to be courted
half-heartedly?

Aimless – without goal or purpose

Half-hearted – 1 K.18:21

Double-minded – Mt.19.

- Ja.1:8, two minds.
 - Distracted by other things.
 - Never reach goal; other goals get in way.

Marriage:
Texts / TV more
important than talk?

I. Commitment Is Not . . .

II. Commitment Is . . .

Resolve; firm dedication

Mt.26:33

Ph.4:13

- 1 Sm.1:11, 22, 28
- Lk.19:6
- Ph.3:12-14
 1. I'm not there yet
 2. I'm pressing on
 3. I'm motivated by Christ
 4. I'm totally committed

Resolve; firm dedication

Marriage-

Pr.31:12; Ec.9:9

1. "I'll do my part if she does hers"
 - Almost certain to fail
2. "I'll work on my faults"
 - Greater hope of success
3. "I cannot control another's heart"
 - I can control my own