

Dedication

What will we do with the gospel?

- Each Lord's day is reserved...
- But: it's possible to go through the motions without the heart.
 - Rv.2:4-5
 - Jer.2:2

I. Dedication Is Not . . .

1. Zeal without knowledge

- Acts 26:11
- Romans 10:1-3

2. Knowledge without zeal

- James 4:17
- Zacchaeus, Lk.19

3. Lukewarm

- 1 Kings 18:21
 - Served by convenience, not conviction

4. Double-minded

- James 1:8
 - Some dabble in many things, neglect most important things

5. Fear

- Mark 4:17
- Opposite of Moses, Hebrews 11:25
- Politically correct, Galatians 5:7 . . . 6:12

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II. What Is Dedication?

Consecration, Commitment, Resolve, Devotion, Dedication...

- Joseph. Gn.39:8 . . . 22
 - 1 Pt.2:23
 - Lk.9:51
- OT: 1 K.8, Temple
 - Dedication. Jn.10:22
 - Devotion. Lk.16:10-12. Dn.2:2-3
 - Determination. Josh.24:15

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- Luke 9:57-58, **too ready to follow Jesus**
- Luke 9:59-60, **not ready to follow Jesus**
- Luke 61-62, **too ready for other things**
- Luke 14:28-33, **closing costs**
- 1 Corinthians 15:58, **miss our purpose**
- Galatians 2:20, **dead to the world (5:24)**

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IV. Dedicated Relationships

Lord, Romans 12:1-2

- Therefore...mercies – based on 1-11
- Present – technical term: present sacrifice, Lk.2:22. Ro.16:2.
- Living sacrifice – Hb.13:15-16

Bible, Psalm 119:148

- Meditation on Word of God
- Always ready for spiritual food

Church, Acts 11:21...23...26

- All based on Lord.
- Consider others. Ph.2:3
- Encourage others.
- Commitment to purity. 1 Co.5:2 ... 6:1-8

Lost souls, Mt.9:36-10:6

36: compassion moves us to do something

37: action arises from compassion

38: pray (the help we need to act properly and decisively)

Luke 15:4, 9, 24

Family, Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Wife: submit, 5:22-24

Husband: love, 5:25, 28

Children: obey, 6:1-3

Parents: train, 6:4