

COMMITMENT

Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 7)

I. **COMMITMENT IS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR CHANGING MY FAMILY.**

¹⁴ 'Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'" Joshua 24:14-15 (NASB)

A. **When the commitment is total**

²⁵ Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.'" Luke 14:25-26 (NASB)

(Anything less than 100% is not commitment at all!)

²⁷ 'He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.'" Matthew 10:37 (NASB)

B. **When the cost is calculated**

²⁷ 'Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?'" Luke 14:27-28 (NASB)

C. **When the course is finished**

²⁹ 'Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."'" Luke 14:29-30 (NASB)

D. **When the price is paid**

³¹ 'Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.'" Luke 14:31-32 (NASB)

II. **WHY DO FAMILIES BREAK THEIR COMMITMENTS?**

A. **Cost not counted ahead of time**

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, 'I will follow You wherever You go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.'" Luke 9:57-58 (NASB)

B. **Price not paid during hardship**

⁵⁹ And He said to another, 'Follow Me.' But he said, 'Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But He said to him, 'Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:59-60 (NASB)

C. **When the course is not finished to the end**

⁶¹ Another also said, 'I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.' ⁶² But Jesus said to him, 'No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:61-62 (NASB)

III. **HOW TO SHARPEN MY FAMILY COMMITMENT:**

A. **Consecrate**

B. **Communicate**

C. **Cooperate**

D. **Christ**