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## What do you commit to 100%?

*(Failing to commit is committing to fail)*

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"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."  
(Prov 16:3 NIV)

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those  
whose hearts are fully committed to him. . . ." (2 Chr 16:9 NIV)

### The Power Of A Commitment

#### They reveal your **priorities**.

"You cannot serve two masters: God and money. For you will hate one and  
love the other, or else the other way around." (Mat 6:24 TLB)

#### They predict your **future**.

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

### Why Are Commitments So Hard To Keep?

#### We're too easily **distracted**.

". . . too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the  
search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's  
message from their hearts. . . ." (Mark 4:19 TLB)

#### We're too easily **discouraged**.

"I know you well--you are neither hot nor cold; I wish you were one or the  
other! But since you are merely lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth!"  
(Rev 3:15-16 TLB)

#### We're too easily **converted**.

"And no one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow  
me. But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin

construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to  
see if he has enough money to pay the bills?" (Luke 14:27-28 TLB)

### Living the J-life means . . .

#### Giving God the first **thoughts of each day**.

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests  
before you and wait in expectation." (Psa 5:3 NIV)

"In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek  
me, if you look for me in earnest." (Jer 29:12-13 TLB)

#### Giving God the first **day of each week**.

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

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke  
bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising  
God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their  
number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47 NIV)

#### Giving God the first **part of every paycheck**.

"Honor the Lord by giving him the **FIRST PART OF ALL YOUR INCOME**, and  
he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with  
the finest wines." (Prov 3:9)

". . . The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your  
lives." (Deu 14:23)

#### Giving God the first **consideration in every decision**.

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your  
efforts with success. Don't be conceited, sure of your own wisdom. Instead,  
**trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your back on evil**; when you do  
that, then you will be **GIVEN RENEWED HEALTH AND VITALITY**."  
(Prov 3:6-7)

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*Until I am committed, there is hesitancy, a chance to draw back. But  
the moment I definitely commit myself, then God moves also, and a  
whole stream of events erupt. All manner of unforeseen incidents,  
meetings, persons, and material assistance which I never have  
dreamed would come my way begin to flow toward me--the moment I  
make a commitment.*

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