

Answer Key:

Commitment....

- Jesus
- shaped
- afraid
- some kind

Commitments that will change my life.

1. your life • happen • decided • striving.
2. member • privilege • belong.
3. representative • think • area.
4. serve • others.

When we serve together...

- maximize
 - minimize
 - mobilize
5. messenger • all the way

You asked for it!

Part 8

"What are You committed to?"

2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT

"The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

Psalm 37:5 Living Bible

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will."

James 1:25 GWT

"However, the person who continues to study God's perfect laws that make people free and who remains committed to them will be blessed."

Introductory Statement

The committed Christian is committed to their relationship with God. When asked what the greatest command was one time, Jesus responded by saying this: "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*" (Matthew 22:37 KJV).

Commitment....

- Commitment to God means that _____ is our sole authority, our guiding light, and our unerring compass.

Colossians 2:10 NIV

"and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."

The highest commitment you can make in your life is to give yourself completely to God to be used for the purposes that he made you, that he created you.

Barry Yates

- Your life is actually _____ by your commitments.
- The problem is a lot of people are _____ of making commitments.
- You cannot live a life without making _____ of commitments.

"A great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a great church."

Rick Warren

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1. Commit _____ to Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 NIV

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

- Before anything else can _____, you have got to get to know God.

This is foundational!

- A committed Christian is a believer who has _____ to follow Jesus, and is loyal to God, their church, and the Christian lifestyle.
- Following Jesus means _____ to be like Him.

Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV

"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us..."

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2. Commit to be a _____ of the church.

Ephesians 2:19 Living Bible

...you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

- The Bible says it is a _____ to be a part of the church.

1 Timothy 3:15 GWT

"God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

- You are called to _____, not just believe.

Ephesians 5:25 GWT

"...Christ loved the church and gave his life for it."

Commit your life to Christ then commit yourself to a body of Christians called the church.

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3. Commit to be a _____ of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Message

"We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you."

- As representatives of Christ, we must _____ about representing His character, His love, and His passion

- God wants you to grow up and be like Jesus. Be like Christ in every _____ of your life.

Hebrews 6:1 Living Bible

"Let us go on...and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be."

BE A MODEL OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST!

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4. Commit to _____ others.

Ephesians 6:7 NIV

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people..."

- We serve God by serving _____.

Matthew 7:16 CEV

"You can tell what they are by what they do."

When we serve together...

- We _____ our impact
- We _____ our failure
- We _____ our resources

Matthew 25:40 NLT

"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!"

God does not ask you to do everything in the world, but He does ask you to do something.

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5. Commit to be a _____ of love.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 Living Bible

"For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself... This is the wonderful message He has given to us to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to others."

- Love for Christ does not mean merely a feeling or affection but a commitment to follow Him _____.

Luke 9:23 NLT

"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

5 things God wants us to do with our lives.

- He wants us to know him,
 - to love him,
 - to grow in him,
 - to serve him,
- to share him with others.