WHAT CATCHES THE EYE AND HEART OF GOD? Commitment

THE POWER OF COMMITMENT My Commitments:

Show my values Shape my life Determine my destiny

"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those who hearts are <u>fully</u> <u>committed</u> to Him." 2 Chronicles 16:9

Every Commitment has a PRICE

Luke 14:26 "If you want to be My followers you must love Me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple."

If Jesus Christ is not Lord of all of your life, He's not Lord at all in your life.

C. S. Lewis, "If Christianity is untrue then it's unimportant."

C. S. Lewis, "The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important."

GIVE GOD THE FIRST THOUGHTS OF EACH DAY

Psalm 5:3 says "Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You."

GIVE GOD THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK Acts 20:7 "On the first day of the week, the disciples came together."

GIVE GOD THE FIRST TEN PERCENT OF EVERY PAYCHECK Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income." In gratitude for the past, to keep our priorities right in the present, and in faith for the future.

Deuteronomy 14:23 "The purpose of tithing is to teach us to put God first in every area of our lives."

GIVE GOD THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN EVERY DECISION

Proverbs 3:5-6, "In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

Romans 14:12 says "Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy in serving the Lord."

THE PAYOFF FOR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST "Do not worry, saying, `What shall we eat or drink or wear?' Your heavenly Father knows you need these. But seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:31-33

"The master will say, `Well done good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness." Matthew 25:23

It doesn't take great people to do great things. It just takes committed people.



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