

THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

Text: *Matt. 22:35-37; John 6:1-15, Matthew 14:13-21*

Commitment is the foundation of every great accomplishment.

Most people fail not because of a lack of desire but because of a lack of commitment.

Commitment is defined as...

- *the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause*
- *a firm decision to do something*
- *a promise or an agreement or a vow to do something*
- *a dedication to a long-term course of action*
- *a willingness to give your time and energy to something that you believe in*

COMMITMENT MUST BE OUR ONGOING RESPONSE TO GOD.

As a believer, almost everything – our **PLANS**, **GOALS** and **CALLING** are inseparably link to our commitment to God.

Many Christians drag on in their Christian life year after year in partial commitment to God.

The Bible explicitly conveys to us that partial commitment is no commitment at all.

He requires of us nothing less than total commitment.

Someone said that *“If Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.”*

In **Matt. 22: 35-37**. *An expert of the law asked Him the question... Teacher which is the greatest commandment? Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **soul** and with **all** your **mind**...*

Your life is a gift from God but what you do with your life is your gift to God and others.

In life, it's **not what you have** that makes a difference but it's **what you do with what you have** that makes the difference.

What happens when we commit and entrust something to the Lord?

There are principles that we need to consider, that if applied in our lives, we will experience GOD supernaturally working in us.

Story of the feeding of the 5,000

Read *John 6:1-15, Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17*

This is not a parable but a true story witnessed by thousands of people.

Jesus and the disciples were supposed to be there for an excursion.

It was a remote area and it was getting late. Jesus asked the disciples to feed the people. Jesus asked them, “*What have you got?*”

Andrew brought a child, who had 5 loaves and 2 fish, to Jesus.

John 6:11 says... *Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to the Father and distributed to the people. Afterward He did the same thing with the fish.*

Matthew 14:18 says, “*Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven and blessed them.*”

Miracles happen when we place everything in the hands of Jesus!

For them, to be able to feed the 5,000, they had to be committed in the hands of Jesus.

PRINCIPLE:

IT IS THE HAND OF THE LORD THAT BRINGS THE BLESSING AND IT IS THE BLESSING OF THE LORD THAT BRINGS THE INCREASE.

It would be difficult for Jesus to do something if they were not in the hands of Jesus.

And because they were placed and committed in His hands, Jesus was able to bless them and was able to feed and make a difference in the lives of more than 5 thousand people.

Prov. 10:22

The blessing of the Lord makes one rich and He adds no sorrow with it.

Deut. 8:18

Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to get wealth – “to be successful”.

APPLICATION:

If we will only rely on ourselves, on what we can do, without God, we might only feed ourselves and our own family, like that little boy who brought those 5 loaves and 2 fish for his family.

There are limitless possibilities of what God can do when we commit our life to Christ.

Hidden in your life is a destiny, a potential, a limitless possibility of what God can do.

What you have can eventually be a gift to God and to others when you begin to commit your life

and everything that you have in the hands of Jesus.

There are tons of possibilities of what and who YOU will become if YOU can commit YOUR LIFE in JESUS' HANDS.

Little becomes much when we place it in Master's hand!