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"Called to Commitment"

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“Called to Commitment: Response of Faith”

Foundation Scriptures: “²And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (II Timothy 2:2)

“⁴Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:4, 5)

I. What is Commitment (commit to something)?

a. (Commit) Hebrew galal (gä·lal') – means to roll, roll off onto, roll oneself (away, roll down, roll together); to throw oneself after.

Greek paratithēmi (pä-rä-tē'-thā-mē) means to place beside or near or set before; to place down (from one's self or for one's self) with any one; to entrust or commit to one's charge.

b. An obligation, pledge, or promise of oneself or one's intentions; to pledge to the keeping of (an idea, belief, or responsibility).

c. A state of being involved or engaged; the act of entrusting or giving of oneself over to the charge of another.

II. Characteristics Of A Committed Believer

a. A committed believer is willing (and not ashamed) to share and defend their faith, as well as disciple others. (Matthew 28:19, 20; Romans 1:15, 16; II Timothy 2:2; I Peter 3:13 -17; Jude 1:1-3)

b. A committed believer desires to fellowship and please God by knowing and studying the Word of God. (Psalms 1:1-3; 19:7-10; 119:9, 33, 34, 50, 71, 72, 97-106; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 2:2)

c. A committed believer is renewed in the spirit of their mind. (Romans 12:1, 2; Ephesians 4:22-32)

d. A committed believer allows the Holy Spirit to lead, teach, and empower them to walk in the Spirit (the fruit of the Spirit) and not the works of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16-26)

e. A committed believer loves God, loves people, and keeps God's commandments. (Mark 12:28-31; Romans 13:8; I John 4:7-21)

f. A committed believer supports the work of ministry by advancing the Kingdom of God through their time, talents, treasures, and relationships.

III. Committed To The Word Of God

Just as we need daily nourishment for a healthy body, even so, we need a daily intake of the Word of God to ensure a healthy spiritual life. (I Peter 2:2)

a. The Word of God is God. It's Living, Powerful, Infallible, and was manifested in the flesh through Jesus Christ! (John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:160; Matthew 5:17, 18)

b. Holy men of God, with their unique styles and personalities, were inspired to write and record exactly what God wanted to communicate to mankind. These writings were written in scripture and text form and canonized to form the Holy Bible. (Jeremiah 30:2; Amos 3:7; II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21)

c. The original languages of the Bible are Hebrew and Aramaic in the Old Testament and Greek in the New Testament. There are 66 books in the Bible (39 OT & 27 NT), written by approximately 40 different authors, over a span of 1500 years. Today, the Bible is translated into over 500 languages with almost 3000 languages that have some portion of the Bible.

d. Studying The Word of God (II Timothy 2:15)

- When studying the Word of God, one should desire more than head knowledge. It should be a time of devotion, inspiration, impartation, and a time to hear and receive God's instructions to know His Will and how to do His Will.
- There are many reference resources that aid in the study of the Bible, including Bible Dictionaries, Lexicons, Encyclopedias, various Translations, Concordances, and Commentaries. Find the resources that work best for you.
- Begin your time of study with prayer; read slowly, take notes, write down questions, look up the meaning of key or unknown words, meditate (to reflect, to ponder (by talking to yourself), to consider, to dwell in thought, contemplating a passage over and over again) on what you've read, and always ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and understanding. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 119:18; John 16:13- 15; I Corinthians 2:6-16)
- It is often said, "There is only one interpretation but many applications." It is imperative to discover the correct interpretation, for if the interpretation is in error, so too will be the application. Consider the main subject(s) of the passage, the author and the audience being addressed, historical and cultural context and significance, prophetic implications, and symbolic messianic (Christ) messages.
- Obey the Word of God by applying what you study in practical ways. Put into action what you've learned in order to live a holy life that is well-pleasing to God. (II Timothy 3:16; James 1:22)

IV. Committed To The Work Of Ministry

a. God has given every believer talents, skills, and resources based on their ability to handle them. Be faithful and committed to doing the best with what God has given you. (Matthew 25:14 - 30; Ecclesiastes 9:10)

b. Committed believers are committed to worshiping together with other believers, serving in a local church, and submitting to the governance of leadership (a Pastor, other leaders) for the purpose of being equipped for the work of the Lord. (Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:3 - 8; I Corinthians 12:12 - 31)

c. Committed believers are faithful and consistent in their giving (finances) to help support the local church, the work of ministry, and build the Kingdom of God.

- Tithes (10%) and Offerings (Malachi 3:8 - 12; Luke 6:38)
- To support and supply the needs of Ministers for the work of the Ministry (Exodus 35:20 - 29; Numbers 18:1 - 32; I Timothy 5:17, 18; I Corinthians 9:1 - 14)
- For benevolence (poor/needy, support other charities) (II Corinthians 9:12, 13)
- Provisions for Ministry (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 22:15 - 21; Romans 13:1 - 7; I Corinthians 16:1-3; II Corinthians 8:1 - 15)
- Giving should be cheerfully, willing, and without any grievances with anyone (Exodus 25:2, 35:5, 22, 29; II Corinthians 9:1 - 10; Matthew 5:23, 24)

d. Committed believers are committed to developing, strengthening, and expanding their relationships with other believers and non-believers (for the purpose of winning them to Christ). (Acts 2:42 - 47; I Corinthians 9:19 - 23)

V. Committed To Service

The Bible teaches that service to God requires a team effort as well as individual activity. We do have individual responsibilities, yet each Christian must also identify themselves as part of a faithful local church and then actively involve themselves in the work of that church (ministry and service). There are different or various gifts, ministries, and activities, but the same God who works all in all. While we are many members (individually), yet we are one body (of Christ). (1 Corinthians 12:4 - 27 AMPC)

a. Committed believers should regularly attend service(s) and assemble themselves together. (Acts 2:42 - 47; 4:32 - 35; 11:19 - 26; Hebrews 10:19 - 25)

b. Committed believers should actively participate in some form of ministry or service in the local church. Every member doing their share causes growth to the body. (Ephesians 4:4 - 16)

c. Committed believers are commissioned by God to share their faith and the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:14 - 46; 28:18 - 20; Acts 1:8; Luke 10:1- 20)

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