

#5 "EVALUATE YOUR COMMITMENTS"

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV) Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.

Matthew 4:17 (NIV) From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

There are many examples of commitments in the Bible:

• Jesus committed Himself to us.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

God is committed to us.

Matthew 6:25-26 (NIV) Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

• God calls us to commit to Him.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

God calls us to commit to His church.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

• God calls us to commit to sharing the Gospel.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 1 John 4:7 (NIV) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1. Right commitments ______ your _____ to what's valuable and important. Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 2. Right commitments ______ your _____. Proverbs 12:11 (NIV) Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. 3. Right commitments ______ your ______. Psalm 42:11 (NIV) Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. 4. Right commitments ______ your _____. 5. Right commitments ______ your _____. 6. Right commitments ______ and _____. 7. Right commitments ______ your ______.

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age."

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