

Commitment and Consecration

A. Old Testament Examples

1. Abraham
 - a. Called out of country and away from kin. Gen 12:1-4
 - b. Would accept not even a shoe lace. Gen 14:22-23
2. Moses
 - a. Gave up riches of Egypt. Ex 2:14-15; Heb 11:23-26
3. Elisha
 - a. Left family and 12 yoke of oxen. 1 Kings 19:20-21
4. Ruth
 - a. Left home, country and family to follow Naomi. Ruth 1:16
 - b. Produced Obed, grandfather of David. Ruth 4:17

B. New Testament Examples

5. Jesus
 - a. 30 years of study and preparation. Luke 3:21-23
 - b. 40 days fasting in wilderness. Mark 1:13
 - c. Did only what His Father told Him to do. John 14:10
6. Disciples
 - a. Simon, James and John left all behind. Luke 5:11
 - b. Matthew left his profitable job in customs. Matt 9:9
 - c. Paul forsook all, counting all left behind as dung. Phil 3:7,8
7. Rich young ruler
 - a. Jesus loved him. He had kept all commandments. Mark 10:21
 - b. Sell all and give to the poor and follow Jesus. Luke 18:18-23
8. Woman with the issue of blood
 - a. She had spent all she had. Mark 5:25-26
 - b. She risked her life to touch Jesus' garment. Mark 5:27-34
9. Blind Bartimaeus
 - a. Cried all the more when they tried to shut him up. Mark 10:46-48
 - b. Cast away his livelihood (his blind garment). Mark 10:49-52

C. Consecration – Nothing should get between you and God – Romans 14:23

1. Possessions - Do not lay up earthly treasures. Matt 6:19-21
- Cannot serve God and mammon. Matt 6:24
2. Relationships - Let the dead bury the dead. Matt 8:21-22
- If love parent more than Jesus. Matt 10:37
- Relative is who does Father's will. Mark 8:35
3. Self - Take up cross and follow Jesus. Matt 10:38; Mark 8:34
- Be willing to give hand or eye. Matt 5:29,30
- Take no thought for your life. Matt 6:25
- Take no thought for tomorrow. Matt 6:34

D. Commitment

- a. Greater love has no man than to lay down his life. John 15:13
- b. You love me if you keep my commandments. John 14:21; 1 John 5:3
- c. Reckon self dead to sin. Rom 6:11
- d. He that loses life for Jesus' sake shall find it. Matt 10:39
- e. Friendship with the world is enmity with God. James 4:4
- f. All that is in the world is sin. 1 John 2:16
- g. Every man that has this hope purifies himself. 1 John 3:2,3
- h. God rewards those who diligently seek Him. Heb 11:6