

MAKING MAXIMUM IMPACT WITH YOUR LIFE

Living For Something Greater Part 1 of 3

“From now on, live the rest of your lives controlled by God’s will, not by human desires.”
1 Peter 4:2 (Good News)

“...Give yourselves completely to God -- every part of you -- you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.”
Romans 6:13 (Living Bible)

- Commitment means to give all that I have to someone else’s _____ & _____.

I. WHY SHOULD I COMMIT MY LIFE TO GOD?

- God _____ me for a purpose.

“For even before I was born, God had chosen me to be his and called me -- what kindness and grace.”
Galatians 1:15 (Living Bible)

- God knows what’s _____ for my life.

“For I know the plans I have for you’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.’”
Jeremiah 29:11 (Living Bible)

- I’m grateful for my _____.

“Christ saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.”
2 Timothy 1:9 (New Rev. Standard)

- God promises to reward my _____.

“In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.”
Proverbs 3:6 (Living Bible)

II. WHAT COULD KEEP ME FROM TAKING THIS STEP?

1. _____.

“...the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God...”
Mark 4:19 (Living Bible)

“Practically everything that goes on in the world—anting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—as nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world, and all its passionate desires will one day disappear. But anyone who does the will of God will live forever.”
1 John 2:16-17 (Message/Phillips)

2. _____.

“As far as a person can be righteous by obeying the commands of the Law, I was without fault. But all those things that I might count as profit I now reckon as loss for Christ’s sake. Not only those things; I reckon everything as complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have thrown everything away; I consider it all as mere refuse, so that I may gain Christ.”
Philippians 3:6-8 (Good News)

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the price for which God has called me...”
Philippians 3:13-14

3. _____.

“The backslider is bored with himself but the Godly man’s life is exciting.”
Proverbs 14:14 (Living Bible)

“If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.”
Mark 8:35 (Living Bible)

4. _____.

“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.”
Ephesians 3:20 (The Message)

“The Lord will work out his plans for my life -- for your loving-kindness, Lord, continues forever.”
Psalm 138:9 (Living Bible)

“Commit everything you do to the Lord, trust Him to help you do it and He will.”
Psalm 37:5

III. HOW DO I MAKE A TOTAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST?

- Consider _____.

“No one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me. But don’t begin until you count the cost.”
Luke 14:27-28 (Living Bible)

- Dedicate _____ to God.

“Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is true worship... Then you will be able to know the will of God -- what is good...and pleasing...and perfect.”
Romans 12:1-2 (Good News)