

LIVING POSITIVELY

Transformations - Part 1 of 5

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“...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 (LB)

- ☐ **Commitment means to give all that I have to someone else’s CARE & USE.**

I. WHY SHOULD I COMMIT MY LIFE TO GOD?

- ☐ **God knows the CONDITION of my heart**

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

Proverbs 14:12

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus”

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

- ☐ **God knows what’s BEST 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 (LB)

- ☐ **God promises to reward my COMMITMENT.**

“In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.”

Proverbs 3:6 (LB)

II. WHAT KEEPS ME FROM TAKING THIS STEP?

- **OUR SHORT TERM VALUES.**

“...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 (LB)

“Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting 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)

- **OUR PAST FAILURES**

“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 (NIV)

- **OUR FEAR**

“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 (Message)

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

Psalms 37:5 (NIV)

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

“Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him... Then you will be able to know the will of God -- what is good...and pleasing...and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2(GN)

Dedicate the rest of your life to God.