
FULLY DEVOTED

Being a disciple of Jesus isn't a part time job. We are never just making a little more room in our heart for Jesus to occupy. Jesus asks for our whole life, He desires that we are fully committed.

Every new season that we are invited by God to discern and then join Him in requires us to be fully committed.

David – An Example

A man after God's own heart – Acts 13:22

In stark contrast – Amaziah – 2 Chronicles 25:1

David's life provides for us an example of what it looks like to be fully committed.

Fully Committed = Initiating Serving

Wholehearted commitment to God is constantly initiating servanthood.

David – 1 Samuel 17; 2 Samuel 9

Fully committed is really a matter of "Where's my heart really?"

"What are my dreams? What are the actions I freely initiate?"

Imagine if everybody looked at their commitment to Jesus and said He has gifted me and is calling me to use those gifts to serve and bless the rest of the family.

Fully Committed = Passionate Worship

Wholehearted commitment to God is passionately committed to worship (2 Samuel 6:20-22).

David:

"With my whole heart I have sought you. Do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart."

PSALM 119:10 NIV

Everybody is committed to something.

"What do you get most irritated about when it's threatened in your life, when it's absent from your life?"

Fully Committed = Accountability in Community

Full commitment to God means accountability in community and repentance over sin.

David's accountability was in the form of a godly man named Nathan. If you are fully committed it means you're accountable to community and that means having some Nathans in your life.

Fully Committed = Challenge

David's prayer:

I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:17-18 ESV

For a fully-committed follower of Jesus, the call to 100% commitment to Jesus Christ is inspirational.

Imagine a church family that hungers to be challenged to total devotion to Christ.

It's Worth It All – Matthew 13:44

Jesus isn't commending the man's remarkable commitment; He is acknowledging the worth of the treasure.

What are you really committed to?

What do you dream about?

Where is your heart?

If it's not God, if it's not a wholehearted commitment to God, why don't you confess it right now?

Heavenly Father, I want to be fully committed, wholly devoted, mind and body, heart and soul, time and treasure, to you my Saviour and friend, my comfort and hope, that I would unreservedly follow after you. In Jesus name, amen.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the things that either distract or get in the road of being fully committed to Jesus?
2. In the four areas of being fully committed (Initiating Serving, Passionate Worship, Accountable Community and Challenged), which do you find most difficult and why? What can you do to make changes in these areas?
3. Where is an area in which you can initiate serving in 2022 at Riverlife?
4. Spend some time as a group in passionate worship re-committing your lives to Jesus' Lordship.