

## Commitment and Consecration

**Overview:** Commit is to give in charge or trust (from Webster). Consecration is to set apart as holy (or devoted).

### A. Biblical Examples

1. Abraham
  - a. Called from country & kin; committed all to God. Gen 12:1-4; Gen 14:22-23
2. Moses Gave up riches of Egypt. Ex 2:14-15; Heb 11:23-26
3. Elisha Left family and 12 yoke of oxen. 1 Kings 19:20-21
4. Ruth Left home, country and family to follow Naomi. Ruth 1:16
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 & risked her life. Mark 5:25-26, 27-34
9. Blind Bartimaeus
  - a. Cast away his livelihood (his blind garment). Mark 10:46-48, 49-52

### B. Commitment

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

### C. Consecration

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

**Recommendation:** Jesus gave His all for us. How can we do any less for Him?