

Every Spiritual Family Needs Commitment



Introduction:

1. Each physical family struggles today with bringing everyone to the same commitment.
2. Spiritual families, congregations, struggle with the same battles.
3. What can you do this morning to help this congregation stick to the commitment that God has given?

I. Every Spiritual Family Must Have an Understanding of Commitment

- A. Commitment is "(1) something that engages one to do something, (2) a continual obligation, (3) the act of committing." – New Webster Dictionary
- B. Commitment is demonstrated by sticking with your responsibility even through troubling times or failure.

II. Every Spiritual Family Must Have a Commitment to God

- A. (Psalm 37:5)
 1. What does it mean to make a commitment to God?
 - a. It means you will be loyal (Acts 4:19)
 - b. It means you will be dedicated:
 - (1) Dedicated in work/actions (Colossians 3:17).
 - (2) Dedicated in words (1 Peter 4:11).
 - (3) Dedication in study (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15).
 - (4) Dedication to preservation (1 Timothy 2:20,21; 2 Timothy 2:2)
- B. (Proverbs 16:3)
- C. "Guidance means that I can count on God. Commitment means God can count on me."
- D. The congregation at Colosse was recognized because of their faith (Colossians 1:4).

III. Every Spiritual Family Must Have a Commitment to Each Other

- A. The early church was committed to each other (Acts 2:44-47).
 1. Notice they believed together (Acts 2:44) and continued daily (Acts 2:46).
- B. The early church was a refuge, a place of comfort (Acts 4:23).
- C. The early church bonded with one another (Acts 4:32-35).
 1. One heart – (Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 22:37)
 2. One soul – (Acts 2:41-43; Matthew 22:37)
- D. Helping each other is a responsibility (Romans 15:1; Galatians 6:1)

Conclusion:

1. Are you ready to commit your whole being to God? Or will you hold back?
2. Will you commit yourself to others in the congregation?
3. Will you share in the sufferings, share in the joys, and bond together in prayers?