

Give It Your All

proskartereo = “to be devoted to”, “to give yourself continually to”

Nothing of significance happens apart from genuine commitment.

1. My commitments reveal what’s really important to me.

If I’m reluctant to make commitments in life, I’m really only committed to myself.

2. My commitments shape the direction of my life.

3. My commitments have eternal significance.

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for? Matthew 16:26 (Message)

Choose your commitments carefully because every choice has a consequence.

If anyone comes to me but loves his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters--or even life--more than me, he cannot be my follower. Luke 14:26 (NCV)

4. My commitments uncover my real priorities.

If Jesus is not Lord of all in your life, he’s not Lord at all in your life.

“The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.” C. S. Lewis

5. My commitments cost me.

6. My commitments show my heart’s true devotion.

Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Romans 12:11b (GNT)

Don’t give any part of yourself to serve sin. Don’t let any part of yourself be used to do evil. Instead, give yourselves to God. You have been brought from death to life. So give every part of yourself to God to do what is right. Romans 6:13 (NIRV)

7. My commitments involve my total self.

“The world has yet to see what God can do in and through and for the person who is totally committed to Christ.” Henry Varley

Talk About It

1. What’s one thing you get excited about?

2. How focused would you say your life usually is? What do you think of that?
3. What are several things you are committed to?
4. How difficult do you generally find it to commit to things? What do you think are some of the reasons for that?
5. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “my commitments reveal what’s really important to me”? Why?
6. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “if I’m reluctant to make commitments in life, I’m really only committed to myself”? Why?
7. What are some ways that you think your commitments have shaped the direction of your life?
8. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “my commitments have eternal significance”? Why?
9. In what ways are you tempted to retreat into your own self-righteous little world, thinking that you’re holier than the people around you?
10. What do you think of the idea that you should choose your commitments carefully because every choice has a consequence? Give an example of when you experienced this.
11. Do you agree or disagree with the statement by C. S. Lewis: “The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.” Why?
12. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “my commitments cost me”? Why?
13. What is something you’ve given up because of Jesus?