

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Developing a Deep Commitment to God

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Joshua 6:21-27

To commit is to pledge yourself to a certain purpose or line of conduct. It also means practicing your beliefs consistently. There are, therefore, two fundamental conditions for commitment. The first is having a sound set of beliefs. We are familiar with the old saying that goes, "Stand for something or you'll fall for anything." The second is faithful adherence to those beliefs with your behavior. Possibly the best description of commitment is "persistence with a purpose." God wants to be in a committed relationship with His children. In this passage in Joshua, we find out just what it takes to have a deep commitment to God. A deep commitment to God requires:

1. Public _____.

But **all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron**, are holy to the Lord; they shall **go into the treasury of the Lord**.

Joshua 6:19

THIS HELPED THEM REALIZE THAT _____ CAME FROM GOD AND NOT FROM THEM. GOD TOOK FOR HIMSELF THAT WHICH WE COVET THE MOST.

What does it mean to submit? The Greek word means _____
_____ We voluntarily bring our
will under the firm control of God's will.

2. Personal _____

Then they devoted **all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys**, with the edge of the sword."

Joshua 6:21

WHAT WAS DESTROYED?

All the people and things that turn _____

All the things that we put _____

All the things that might _____

3. Perfect (complete) _____

So the young men who had been spies went in and **brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives** and put them outside the camp of Israel."

Joshua 6:23

Rahab is saying good bye once and for all to her past. The men will become circumcised, an irreversible process. This is a _____ not an _____.