

**COMMITTING MY LIFE**  
**#SermonCommitment**  
**Skills For Living With Purpose - Part 4**  
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**P.U.R.P.O.S.E.**

**PRIORITIZE** the values that matter most  
**UNDERSTAND** Your God Given SHAPE  
**RESOLVE** to fulfill God's purpose

**Romans 6:13** ...give yourselves completely to God... to be used for his good purposes. (LB)

**Romans 12:1-2** ...Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God... <sup>2</sup> Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. (TEV)

**WHY COMMIT MY LIFE TO GOD?**

- It's what I was made for.

**Galatians 1:15** God had special plans for me and set me apart for his work even before I was born... (NCV)

- God knows what's best for me.

**Jeremiah 29:11** "I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)

- It's the key to satisfaction and success.

**Proverbs 3:6** In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. (LB)

**WHAT KEEPS ME FROM COMMITTING MY LIFE?**

**1. RESENTMENT TOWARDS GOD**

**Proverbs 19:3** People's own foolishness ruins their lives, but in their minds they blame the LORD. (NCV)

**2. DISTRACTIONS IN OUR CULTURE**

**Mark 4:19** ...the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and **crowd out** God's message... (LB)

**Ecclesiastes 7:4** ...a fool thinks only about **having a good time**. (NCV)

### 3. DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE

**Ephesians 2:19** ...you are members of God's very own family... and **you belong in God's household** with every other Christian. (LB)

**Proverbs 10:8** ...the self-sufficient fool **falls flat on his face**. (LB)

### 4. FEAR OF COMMITMENT

**Ecclesiastes 11:4** If you wait for **perfect conditions**, you will **never get anything done**. (LB)

## HOW TO MAKE A TOTAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

### 1. COMPARE THE COST WITH THE BENEFITS

**Luke 14:28a** Don't begin until you **count the cost**... (LB)

**Luke 14:33** You must **give up everything** you have to follow me. If you don't, you cannot be my follower! (ICB)

**Luke 17:33** If you grasp and cling to life on **your terms**, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on **God's terms**. (MSG)

### 2. TRUST GOD TO HELP ME KEEP MY COMMITMENT

**Psalms 37:5** **Commit everything** you do to the Lord. **Trust him** to help you do it, and he will. (LB)

**Philippians 2:13** It is God who is at work within you, giving you both the will and **the power to achieve His purpose**. (PH)