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- The Priorities of Commitment
- The Way of Commitment

I The first step is obvious:- committing ourselves to God through the Person & Work of Christ

II Then comes Christ's call to discipleship. The commitment we make to follow Jesus as this disciple leads from our little selfish world of "me, myself & I" & how "I feel" into the real world of eternal values and God's facts which supercede my feelings. This results in a complete re-ordering of our earthly viewpoint, a re-thinking of our values & priorities, a change of life style.

1st Area A Worship:

We have to abandon the "idols" of our world & our life because Christ demands a whole-hearted, single-minded commitment.

(i.e) Worship, not of ourselves, but of almighty God

We are to abandon the gods of

- selfism
- conformism
- popularity
- apathy
- success
- materialism
- secularism

and live out-of-step with the world - as "pilgrims" - yet we live joyously & confidently knowing & worshipping our God & His Values.
~~Worship for Success A.~~ and living with
~~Books to read~~ His Values

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② 2nd Area B. Rebellion to Surrender

Basically we are all in rebellion against God, even after we accept Christ. Commitment demands that we surrender lay down ourselves and accept His complete control. Pride is the greatest sin which keeps us from this point of total surrender.

C.S. Lewis calls Christ the Divine Interferer - He interferes at our points of selfishness, at the center of our willfulness. He knows just when & how to interfe.

But the benefits of surrender are so great:

H/S conforms us to the image of Christ

3rd Area C. Commitment must result in action

Commitment does not just happen - it is the result of choices - choices which are based on Knowledge of God's Word & His will and FAITH in God

So commitment requires action that is both rational and spiritual resulting in Christo priorities & goals ~~which are~~

In other words our life starts moving in the direction of our commitment to Christ

→ it means selectivity - selecting God's priorities which make our life planned & purposeful

→ it means the potential of unlimited personal growth with a clear knowledge of ~~his or her~~ Christian faith and an increased understanding of how to live it out from day to day in joy & fulfillment

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have been conquered and accepted as scripture
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→ this committed life gives the inner security and strength to reach out & risk sharing another's burden

→ it means we will have the capacity to stop being so engrossed with our own feelings and self & be able to genuinely love others

→ it means there will be more trust of one another - with a close commitment to Christ we can be open & teachable: accept a new idea, problems don't overwhelm, money doesn't consume, fear will diminish, people don't threaten

→ it means there will be endurance since some things are settled & unchanging (e.g.) the direction of your life

"with purpose of heart cling to the Lord" Act 11:18
"trust Him when I cannot trace Him" Hudson Taylor

It is immature to throw out your commitment in times of dryness. Maturity is to "keep on keeping on" when there is no sign & no sound - the "dark night of the soul" (A.W. Tozer)

"Feeling happy" is not the goal we are to seek - happiness is never achieved when it is made an end in itself.

When commitment to Christ is pursued with a steadfast faith in Him - then happiness & peace & joy are ours on a much deeper more permanent level

→ Commitment means you'll have a vision for God's work you'll be motivated by God's love and be venturesome - willing to step out in faith to reach the unbelieving world with courage & boldness

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our selves with a close commitment to

what we can be great teachers: accept a
new level of problems about ourselves

it means there will be a balance
between ourselves, fear with historical growth

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happiness & grace - joy on a road

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