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More than democratic statesmen are committed  
to our democratic way of life;  
more than the scientist is committed  
to science,  
or the doctor is committed to medicine,  
we Christians should be thoroughly committed  
to Christ and his cause.

THIS INVOLVES:

I. COMMITMENT TO A PERSON.

- A. Not to a PROGRAM.
- B. TO a SAVIOR - not just a teacher & example.
- C. to one who demands full and unconditional surrender.

II. COMMITMENT TO THE WILL OF GOD.

- A. More than just pious resignation to the inevitable.
- B. It is ACTIVE ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S DARING DESIGN.
- C. Jesus committed His BODY to do the will of God, Heb. 10:5-9.
- D. We are commanded to commit our bodies to do the will of God. Rom. 12:1-2.
- E. F. B. Meyer on the will of God:
  - 1. Remove preconceptions & prejudices.
  - 2. Wait on God & study His word.
  - 3. Consider first the Glory of Jesus.
  - 4. Do not wear yourself out asking your friends what you should do.

5. Wait for the Lord's pleasure.

6. Watch for providential trends.

7. When convinced then act & don't look back.

### III. COMMITMENT TO YOUR BEST SPIRITUAL POTENTIAL.

A. Commitment to Spiritual Growth.

B. Commitment to faithful witnessing.

C. Illustration of Christian doctor who treated a Najajo Indian maiden in Arizona and saved her life.

She asked why he did it.

A nurse said it was because of the love of Christ.

A Missionary explained, and eventually asked her if she would like to surrender her heart and life to Christ.

She answered: "If Jesus is anything like that doctor, I can trust him forever."

Suggested Closing Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised." (No. 428, U.S. Forces Hymnal)

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## DEFINITION OF "COMMITMENT"

To obligate or bind to take some position or course of action; as in "a resolution committing the congress to do something," or as in "this belief in science, to which our forefathers committed themselves" (Toynbee). Or: "to deliver into another's charge, or to transfer to a superior power for custody."

Christian commitment, then is for the Christian to bind himself or herself to follow Jesus Christ wholeheartedly, and to do the will of God as well as humanly possible. It means, also, for us as Christians to deliver ourselves, heart, soul, spirit, mind, body, talents, possessions, TOTALLY to JESUS CHRIST for HIS CUSTODY.