Raising Our Level of Commitment

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INTRODUCTION

- A Christian truly is someone that not only lives in a glass house, but one that should.
- If we're going to be Christians, we need to be fully committed to serving Christ. And that is life-altering.
- That by any means possible, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. That is the goal of Christians.

1 We Are the Circumcision, No Confidence in the Flesh

Philippians 3:2–6

- For we are the circumcision who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh.
- We aren't physically going to accomplish anything unless our hearts have been fully devoted to him.
- If someone could glory in the flesh and look at his accolades and have a paper resume that would just craft him into heaven, that would be Paul.
- Do we have anything close to that type of zeal?

2 Count All Things as Loss

Philippians 3:7–8; Acts 9

- We need to count all things as loss that are not Christ, that are not in his service, that are not for him.
- Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- Am I committed to the cause of Christ? No holding back. And if not, why not?
- It is a life that completely voids self and enters Christ.
- He left everything to gain everything.

3 The Reproach of Christ Greater Wealth

Hebrews 11:23–28

- He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt. For he was looking to the reward.
- That's what the soul of a Christian is destined for, to be with God.
- The things of earth will dim and lose their value if we recall they're borrowed for a while.
- Oh, how fast life goes. And oh how true the scripture reigns. Life is but a vapor.

4 By Any Means Possible: Sacrifice Is Necessary

Philippians 3:9–11; Luke 9:23–26

- If that answer in our hearts is not truly by any means possible, we're not there.
- If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
- Do you value your life more than Christ?

- It's easy to come to church. It's hard to be a Christian. It's easy to say the word. It's hard to live the life.
- We need to learn that sacrifice is necessary. Sacrifice is not only necessary, it's a good thing.

5 I Press On: Reaching Out or Reclining?

Philippians 3:12–15

- Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- Are we reaching out or reclining?
- It's about knowing the teaching of Christ and living full throttle in the pursuit of heaven.
- If Paul had to strain forward, boy, what does that mean for me?
- Just because you aren't where you ought to be, or where you think you should be, doesn't mean that you're wrong.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We don't need to look down on ourselves and be sad. We need to look forward to Christ and press on, no matter the cost.**

MY NOTES