



COMMITMENT

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1. Webster **defined** commit as (a) giving in trust; (b) to put into the hands or power of another; (c) to entrust; (d) the state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to a course of action or to another person or persons and; (e) a pledge or a promise.

Based on these definitions:

- a. Name someone during your lifetime you feel has made a commitment to someone or something.
 - b. How do these definitions apply to your committing to God and Bouldercrest?
2. Other than Jesus, name another biblical example of a person that exhibited commitment? How do you view this example's level of commitment?

3. Put the following in order according your priority of commitment. And explain why you prioritized the list as such.

Self	God	Parents	Work	Bouldercrest
Spouse	Children	Education	Recreation	Siblings

4. Our commitment to God reveals our desire to obey, trust, sacrifice and surrender to His will. This commitment can affect our lives, the lives of others, as well as change our thoughts and behaviors. For example, in Daniel 6, Daniel's commitment to God led King Darius to believe in "the living God." King Darius issued a decree "that in every part of [his] kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel."

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- A. What are some commitments of an individual that may change the thoughts and behavior of others? Explain how.
 - B. How has being committed affected your life?
5. Romans 12:3-10, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Matthew 7:15-23; Matthew 25:35-46 explained to us that we are many individuals with varied gifts, talents and resources. However, we make up the one body of Christ. As one unit, we are connected one to another. We are laboring, as individuals as well as a unit of light, for others for an incorruptible crown, and some sacrifices and commitments must be made. Our labor and the fruit we bear will identify who we are and whose we are.
- A. What are some sacrifices you can make to show your commitment to God as well as Bouldercrest?
 - B. How can you show your commitment to Bouldercrest through the use of your gifts, talents and resources?
 - C. What activities are you currently involved in at Bouldercrest that allow you to use your gifts, talents or resources?
6. The Woman's Study Bible (1995) stated commitment demands a choice. Commitment builds up faith and develops character. (p.1610) It is a spiritual discipline that requires time, work and determination. The disciples had to make a choice. The choice should be deny self and trust God. Read Matthew 10:32-37, Proverbs 16:3 and Matthew 16:24.
- A. What spiritual choices have you made recently that involve commitment?
 - B. How have your choices affected your faith and character? How can you make improvements or adjustments?
7. How do you honor your commitment to your job, spouse, or children? How does this compare with your commitment to God and your commitment to Bouldercrest?