

Strategic Values Series

The Value of Commitment

Missional Initiatives - specific intentional steps to fulfill the mission given to the body of Christ. (personal and corporate) Bridge Building

Strategic Values - denotes those things of importance that determine actions, priorities and the best way to live.

Value versus Ideal - A value can be seen by what you actually do where an ideal is something you aspire to be or do.

Six Strategic Values: Out of our Comfort Zone, Commitment, Action, Dependability, Creativity, and Compassion

Discussion Question: What are some things that require commitment to achieve and how does commitment help us?

What People say about Commitment

“The thing about commitment is that it means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you.”

“I challenge you to think of one major accomplishment in your life that was NOT the result of making an initial commitment to someone or something....When you simply want something, you do it only when circumstances and attitude permit. However, when you're committed, you neither offer nor accept any excuses, only results.”

“Simply stated: a commitment is a pledge that obligates you to assume a position or carry out a specific course of action. In my opinion, making a commitment to doing or supporting something, whether in your personal life or your professional life, is one of the most fundamental activities of success.”

John Maxwell says: Commitments separate the Doers from the Dreamers! People follow doers.

“Now, make no mistake, everyone feels like quitting at one time or another. Unfortunately, most people quit when they hit the first hiccup or difficulty. They feel like taking the easy way out by quitting, which is why they seldom succeed at anything.”

“ After working with many leaders in all levels of companies over my career, I've learned that one of the most distinguishing characteristics of success is their persistence of commitment. Whether it's a commitment to a relationship, marriage, job, career venture, fitness, wellness, or a personal improvement goal, the temptation to give up will always arise, however, the key is to anticipate it and make yourself a promise that the feeling of wanting to quit will not overpower your commitment.”

What Does God Have to Say?

The Kind of Person God is Looking For

Psalm 15

God Expects You to Keep Your Word

Matthew 5:33-37

So Character is Important to God

2 Peter 1:3, 5, 8-9

- Goodness - greek word is “arete” - sometime translated as virtue and has to do with character
- Apply effort to take on the same character as God
- Makes us effective and productive

Commitment Makes You Fit For Service

Luke 9:57-62

Example From the New Testament

Acts 15:36-40

The Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-31

What or Who You Are Committed to Matters

Mark 8:34-38

Faith is the Backbone of Commitment

Commitment in Victory

Hebrews 11:32-35a

Commitment In Suffering

Hebrews 11:35b-40

What is Holding Back Your Commitment? Throw It Off!

Hebrews 12:1-3

Discussion Point to Ponder: What are some things that keep someone (you) from making and keeping a commitment?

HCF Pathway to Connection

Connection Point - Guests get connected & meet the pastors

Lunch With Pastor - Vision for Church shared

Rooted - 10 week small group experience

Life Groups - Living out our missional life with others